

Policy statement by Chiropractic Australia regarding Privacy

Your personal information is important to us

Chiropractic Australia recognises the importance of your privacy. This Privacy Policy describes what information Chiropractic Australia collects, how it uses that information and what your rights are regarding any information that you supply to it. Chiropractic Australia is subject to the requirements of applicable Australian law and the Australian Privacy Principles.

Definitions

Personal information means information or opinions about a person from which that person is reasonably identifiable. Personal information includes sensitive information. Sensitive information includes information about a person's beliefs, associations or health.

Health information means information or opinions about a person's health, or collected in accordance with a health services provided to them.

Collecting your personal information

Chiropractic Australia may collect personal information as reasonably necessary for one or more of its functions such as membership registration, dissemination of information, advertising etc. We will only collect personal information by lawful and fair means and primarily directly from you (for example, through our interaction with you or your use of our website).

As a not for profit organisation, we may collect members' sensitive information for activities that further our charitable purposes, where the information relates to that purpose.

However, wherever practicable we will de-identify personal information. In certain circumstances you may not need to identify yourself, or may use of a pseudonym instead. We will ordinarily alert you to these circumstances when relevant.

We will take reasonable steps to notify you of our collection of your personal information. Any such notification will include all additional information required by the Privacy Act.

Use of your personal information

Personal information is kept until we are no longer legally obliged to keep it, or when the need for the personal information has passed (at which point it will be destroyed, deleted or de-identified). Our purpose for collecting your personal information will, to a degree, depend on your interaction with us.

For members, our primary purpose for collection is to provide you with your full benefits of and administering your Membership, and providing services (unless you have "opted out" by advising Chiropractic Australia administration), sending related information, or as a record of confirmation of attainment of academic or Continuing Professional Development (CPD) qualifications.

For CPD participants, our primary purpose is similar, though focused on administering and maintaining your CPD status.

For other individuals, personal information may be collected to respond to enquiries or comply with other legal obligations. We may also require limited disclosure to contractors we engage to act for us or on our behalf, such as IT service providers, in order to enable them to provide their services. All contractors engaged in this fashion are required to comply with this policy.

Other than for administration or membership purposes, we will not use or disclose your personal information without your consent. Some permitted exceptions to this apply, including where we are legally required to disclose, or to protect the personal safety of any individual or the public.

We may share your personal information with external contact centres engaged by Chiropractic Australia to provide related business, marketing and support services.

Storage and security of your personal information

We take all reasonable steps to keep your personal information secure, safe and protected from misuse, interference, loss or unauthorised access. Your information is either stored on secure servers (electronic records) or is protected in controlled facilities (hard copy records). In addition, our employees and the contractors who provide services related to our information systems are obliged to respect the confidentiality of any personal information held by us.

Use of cookies on our website

Cookies are pieces of information that a website transfers to your computer's hard disk for record-keeping purposes, website usage statistics or to provide enhanced functionality on the site. Our cookies may do some or all of these depending on the particular page and its functionality. Generally, the information obtained by cookies is de-identified and does not constitute personal information, but may include the IP address of your computer. We may use this information for additional functionality or to analyse usage patterns.

You are ultimately in control of your browser's dealings with cookies. Most browsers are by default set to accept cookies, but have the capacity to block or delete them. However, if you do not wish to receive any cookies you should set your browser to refuse cookies. In some instances this may mean you will not be able to take full advantage of parts of the RACGP website and other websites we may use from time to time.

By using our website, you accept the use and installation of these cookies to provide you with these services.

The Spam Act and the Do Not Call Register Act 2006

We comply with the Spam Act 2003 (Cth) and the Do Not Call Register Act 2006 (Cth). Unless you have indicated you do not wish to receive such information, we may contact you on your nominated phone number, email, fax or other address for such purposes as:

- assisting you in your CPD requirements and progress
- discussing membership procedures and benefits
- gathering information to assist in our advocacy for the professions
- highlighting educational opportunities
- responding to your enquiries.

We will not disclose any sensitive information in any of these contacts.

If you are receiving Chiropractic Australia information and do not wish to receive this information any longer, you may remove your name from our list either by emailing us at info@chiropracticaustralia.org.au. Please allow 10 working days for this request to be processed.

Accessing your personal information

You have the right to access the personal information we hold about you. If at any time you want to know what personal information we hold, please contact us using the contact details below.

We will provide you with your information within a reasonable time of your request, however where necessary we may require you to attend our offices. Generally, we will not charge for your access to your personal information.

We reserve the right to refuse you access to your personal information as permitted under the Privacy Act. For example, we may refuse access if your request would pose a serious threat to another's health, would unreasonably impact on another, or is frivolous or vexatious.

Correction of your personal information

We will take reasonable steps to ensure your personal information held by us is accurate, up-to-date and complete. However, the personal information we hold may not be complete due to planned and periodic destruction, or when an extract of personal information is adequate for our purpose.

If you wish to update or correct your personal information, please contact us using the contact details below.

Problems or queries

If you have a problem, query or complaint about the way in which we collect, use or disclose individuals' personal information, please contact us using the contact details below. We take all aspects of privacy seriously, and welcome your feedback on the relevant issues. Any concerns received will be internally reviewed and where appropriate an internal investigation will be conducted to ensure we continue to comply with the Privacy Act.

Future changes

From time to time, our policies are reviewed and may be revised. We reserve the right to update or amend this statement at any time. We will notify you of any changes by posting an updated version of the statement on our website. The amended statement will be effective on and from its uploading.

Further information

For more information about privacy issues in Australia and protecting your privacy, visit the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner <http://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/about-privacy>

Alternatively, you may contact Chiropractic Australia:

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