

Royal Bank Privacy Notice



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1 Who we are

- 1.1. This privacy notice (the “Privacy Notice”) applies to all personal information processing activities carried out by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Royal Bank of Scotland).
- 1.2. Royal Bank of Scotland is a data controller in respect of personal information that we process in connection with our business (including the products and services that we provide). In this notice, references to “we”, “us” or “our” are references to Royal Bank of Scotland.
- 1.3. Our principal address is 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB and our contact details can be located at **rbs.co.uk**
- 1.4. We are a member of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“RBS group”). More information about the RBS group can be found at **rbs.com** by clicking on ‘About Us’.
- 1.5. We respect individuals’ rights to privacy and to the protection of personal information. The purpose of this Privacy Notice is to explain how we collect and use personal information in connection with our business. “Personal information” means information about a living individual who can be identified from that information (either by itself or when it is combined with other information). We may update our Privacy Notice from time to time. When we do we will communicate any changes to you and publish the updated Privacy Notice on our website. We would encourage you to visit our website regularly to stay informed of the purposes for which we process your information and your rights to control how we process it.

2 The information we process

- 2.1 We collect and process various categories of personal information at the start of, and for the duration of, your relationship with us. We will limit the collection and processing of information to information necessary to achieve one or more legitimate purposes as identified in this notice. Personal information may include:
 - a) basic personal information, including name and address, date of birth and contact details;
 - b) financial information, including account and transactional information and history;
 - c) information about your family, lifestyle and social circumstances (such as dependents, marital status, next of kin and contact details);
 - d) information about your financial circumstances, including personal wealth, assets and liabilities, proof of income and expenditure, credit and borrowing history and needs and goals;
 - e) education and employment information;
 - f) goods and services provided;
 - g) visual images and personal appearance (such as copies of passports or CCTV images); and
 - h) online profile and social media information and activity, based on your interaction with us and our websites and applications, including for example, your banking profile and login information, Internet Protocol (IP) address, smart device information, location coordinates, online and mobile banking security authentication, mobile phone network information, searches, site visits and spending patterns.

2.2 We may also process certain special categories of information for specific and limited purposes, such as detecting and preventing financial crime or to make our services accessible to customers. We will only process special categories of information where we've obtained your explicit consent or are otherwise lawfully permitted to do so (and then only for the particular purposes and activities set out at Schedule A for which the information is provided). This may include:

- a) information about racial or ethnic origin;
- b) religious or philosophical beliefs;
- c) trade union membership;
- d) physical or psychological health details or medical conditions; and
- e) biometric information, relating to the physical, physiological or behavioural characteristics of a person, including, for example, using voice recognition or similar technologies to help us prevent fraud and money laundering.

2.3 Where permitted by law, we may process information about criminal convictions or offences and alleged offences for specific and limited activities and purposes, such as to perform checks to prevent and detect crime and to comply with laws relating to money laundering, fraud, terrorist financing, bribery and corruption, and international sanctions. It may involve investigating and gathering intelligence on suspected financial crimes, fraud and threats and sharing data between banks and with law enforcement and regulatory bodies.

3 How we obtain information

3.1 Your information is made up of all the financial and personal information we collect and hold about you/your business and the proprietors, officers and beneficial owners of that business and your transactions. It includes:

- a) information you give to us;
- b) information that we receive from third parties – including other RBS group companies, third parties who provide services to you or us, credit reference, fraud prevention or government agencies, and other banks (where permitted by law);
- c) information that we learn about you through our relationship with you and the way you operate your accounts and/or services, such as the payments made to and from your accounts;
- d) information that we gather through cookies or similar tracking tools (e.g. pixels) when you use our websites, internet banking, mobile banking app or web chat services. Advertising or targeting cookies or similar technologies may also be used to track your responses to particular adverts, messages or forms, which helps us to ensure we present you with the most relevant content in the future;
- e) information that we gather from the technology which you use to access our services (for example location data from your mobile phone, or an IP address or telephone number) and how you use it (for example pattern recognition); and
- f) information that we gather from publicly available sources, such as the press, the electoral register, company registers and online search engines. Information that you make public on social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter.

4. Your rights

4.1 We want to make sure you are aware of your rights in relation to the personal information we process about you. We have described those rights and the circumstances in which they apply in the table below.

If you wish to exercise any of these rights, if you have any queries about how we use your personal information that are not answered here, or if you wish to complain to our Data Protection Officer, please contact us at 03457 24 24 24. **Overseas number:** +44 131 549 8888. **Minicom:** 0800 404 6160.

4.2 Please note that in some cases, if you do not agree to the way we process your information, it may not be possible for us to continue to operate your account and/or provide certain products and services to you.

Table A – Your Rights

Rights	Description
Access – You have a right to get access to the personal information we hold about you.	If you would like a copy of the personal information we hold about you, please contact us at 03457 24 24 24. Overseas number: +44 131 549 8888. Minicom: 0800 404 6160. For more information on how to get access to your information and the documents we need you to submit, please visit our website at: supportcentre-rbs.co.uk/Searchable/1022957922/How-do-I-submit-a-Subject-Access-Request-SAR.htm Or write to: RBS, Subject Access Requests, Manchester Mailroom, 1 Hardman Boulevard, Manchester M3 3AQ.
Rectification – You have a right to rectification of inaccurate personal information and to update incomplete personal information.	If you believe that any of the information that we hold about you is inaccurate, you have a right to request that we restrict the processing of that information and to rectify the inaccurate personal information. Please note that if you request us to restrict processing your information, we may have to suspend the operation of your account and/or the products and services we provide to you.
Erasure – You have a right to request that we delete your personal information.	You may request that we delete your personal information if you believe that: • we no longer need to process your information for the purposes for which it was provided; • we have requested your permission to process your personal information and you wish to withdraw your consent; or • we are not using your information in a lawful manner. Please note that if you request us to delete your information, we may have to suspend the operation of your account and/or the products and services we provide to you.
Restriction – You have a right to request us to restrict the processing of your personal information.	You may request us to restrict processing your personal information if you believe that: • any of the information that we hold about you is inaccurate; • we no longer need to process your information for the purposes for which it was provided, but you require the information to establish, exercise or defend legal claims; or • we are not using your information in a lawful manner. Please note that if you request us to restrict processing your information, we may have to suspend the operation of your account and/or the products and services we provide to you.
Portability – You have a right to data portability.	Where we have requested your permission to process your personal information or you have provided us with information for the purposes of entering into a contract with us, you have a right to receive the personal information you provided to us in a portable format. You may also request us to provide it directly to a third party, if technically feasible. We're not responsible for any such third party's use of your account information, which will be governed by their agreement with you and any privacy statement they provide to you. If you would like to request the personal information you provided to us in a portable format, please contact us at 03457 24 24 24. Overseas number: +44 131 549 8888. Minicom: 0800 404 6160. Or write to: RBS, Subject Access Requests, Manchester Mailroom, 1 Hardman Boulevard, Manchester M3 3AQ.

Rights	Description
Objection – You have a right to object to the processing of your personal information.	You have a right to object to us processing your personal information (and to request us to restrict processing) for the purposes described in Section C of Schedule A – Purposes of Processing (below), unless we can demonstrate compelling and legitimate grounds for the processing, which may override your own interests or where we need to process your information to investigate and protect us or others from legal claims. Depending on the circumstances, we may need to restrict or cease processing your personal information altogether, or, where requested, delete your information. Please note that if you object to us processing your information, we may have to suspend the operation of your account and/or the products and services we provide to you.
Marketing – You have a right to object to direct marketing.	You have a right to object at any time to processing of your personal information for direct marketing purposes, including profiling you for the purposes of direct marketing. For more information see Section 9.
Withdraw consent – You have a right to withdraw your consent.	Where we rely on your permission to process your personal information, you have a right to withdraw your consent at any time. We will always make it clear where we need your permission to undertake specific processing activities.
Lodge complaints – You have a right to lodge a complaint with the regulator.	If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal information, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. We hope that we can address any concerns you may have, but you can always contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). For more information, visit ico.org.uk

5 Changes to the way we use your information

From time to time we may change the way we use your information. Where we believe you may not reasonably expect such a change we will notify you and will allow a period of at least 30 days for you to raise any objections before the change is made. However, please note that in some cases, if you do not agree to such changes it may not be possible for us to continue to operate your account and/or provide certain products and services to you.

6 How we use and share your information with other RBS group companies

We will only use and share your information where it is necessary for us to lawfully carry out our business activities. Your information may be shared with and processed by other RBS group companies. We want to ensure that you fully understand how your information may be used. We have described the purposes for which your information may be used in detail in a table in Schedule A – Purposes of Processing.

7 Sharing with third parties

7.1 We will not share your information with anyone outside RBS except:

- where we have your permission;
- where required for your product or service;
- where we are required by law and by law enforcement agencies, judicial bodies, government entities, tax authorities or regulatory bodies around the world;
- with other banks and third parties where required by law to help recover funds that have entered your account as a result of a misdirected payment by such a third party;
- with third parties providing services to us, such as market analysis and benchmarking, correspondent banking, and agents and sub-contractors acting on our behalf, such as the companies which print our account statements;
- with social media companies (in a secure format) or other third party advertisers so they can display relevant messages to you and others about our products and services on our behalf. Third party advertisers may also use information about your previous web activity to tailor adverts which are displayed to you;

- g) with other banks to help trace funds where you are a victim of suspected financial crime and you have agreed for us to do so, or where we suspect funds have entered your account as a result of a financial crime;
- h) with debt collection agencies;
- i) with credit reference and fraud prevention agencies;
- j) with third-party guarantors or other companies that provide you with benefits or services (such as insurance cover) associated with your product or service;
- k) where required for a proposed sale, reorganisation, transfer, financial arrangement, asset disposal or other transaction relating to our business and/or assets held by our business;
- l) in anonymised form as part of statistics or other aggregated data shared with third parties; or
- m) where permitted by law, it is necessary for our legitimate interests or those of a third party, and it is not inconsistent with the purposes listed above.

7.2 If you ask us to, we will share information with any third party that provides you with account information or payment services. If you ask a third-party provider to provide you with account information or payment services, you're allowing that third party to access information relating to your account. We're not responsible for any such third party's use of your account information, which will be governed by their agreement with you and any privacy statement they provide to you.

7.3 In the event that any additional authorised users are added to your account, we may share information about the use of the account by any authorised user with all other authorised users.

7.4 In the event that you link your assets and liabilities with your immediate family under a Fee Family, the sum of the combined assets and liabilities held within the Fee Family may be shared with other members of the Fee Family. In some instances this may allow other members of the Fee Family to calculate the combined assets and liabilities you hold with us.

7.5 RBS will not share your information with third parties for their own marketing purposes without your permission.

8 Transferring information overseas

8.1 We may transfer your information to organisations in other countries (including to other RBS group companies) on the basis that anyone to whom we pass it protects it in the same way we would and in accordance with applicable laws.

8.2 In the event that we transfer information to countries outside of the European Economic Area (which includes countries in the European Union as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), we will only do so where:

- a) the European Commission has decided that the country or the organisation we are sharing your information with will protect your information adequately;
- b) the transfer has been authorised by the relevant data protection authority; and/or
- c) we have entered into a contract with the organisation with which we are sharing your information (on terms approved by the European Commission) to ensure your information is adequately protected. If you wish to obtain a copy of the relevant data protection clauses, please contact us at 03457 24 24 24. **Overseas number:** +44 131 549 8888. **Minicom:** 0800 404 6160.

9 Marketing information

Unless you have told us that you do not want to hear from us, we will send you relevant marketing information (including details of other products or services provided by us or other RBS group companies which we believe may be of interest to you), by mail, phone, email, text and other forms of electronic communication. If you change your mind about how you would like us to contact you or you no longer wish to receive this information, you can tell us at any time by contacting us at 03457 24 24 24, **Overseas number:** +44 131 549 8888, **Minicom:** 0800 404 6160, via online banking, webchat or in branch.

10 Communications about your account

- 10.1** We will contact you with information relevant to the operation and maintenance of your account (including updated information about how we process your personal information), by a variety of means including via online banking, mobile banking, email, text message, post and/or telephone. If at any point in the future you change your contact details you should tell us promptly about those changes.
- 10.2** We may monitor or record calls, emails, text messages or other communications in accordance with applicable laws for the purposes outlined in Schedule A – Purposes of Processing.

11 Credit reference and fraud prevention agencies

- 11.1** We may access and use information from credit reference and fraud prevention agencies when you open your account and periodically to:
- a) manage and take decisions about your accounts, including assessing your creditworthiness and checks to avoid customers becoming over-indebted;
 - b) prevent criminal activity, fraud and money laundering;
 - c) check your identity and verify the accuracy of the information you provide to us; and
 - d) trace debtors and recover debts.
- 11.2** Application decisions may be taken based solely on automated checks of information from credit reference and fraud prevention agencies and internal RBS records. To help us make decisions on when to give you credit, we use a system called credit scoring to assess your application. To work out your credit score, we look at information you give us when you apply; information from credit reference agencies that will show us whether you've kept up to date with payments on any credit accounts (that could be any mortgages, loans, credit cards or overdrafts), or if you've had any court action such as judgments or bankruptcy; your history with us such as maximum level of borrowing; and affordability, by looking at your available net income and existing debts. You have rights in relation to automated decision-making, including a right to appeal if your application is refused.
- 11.3** We will continue to share information with credit reference agencies about how you manage your account including your account balance, payments into your account, the regularity of payments being made, credit limits and any arrears or default in making payments, while you have a relationship with us. This information will be made available to other organisations (including fraud prevention agencies and other financial institutions) so that they can take decisions about you, your associates and members of your household.
- 11.4** If false or inaccurate information is provided and/or fraud is identified or suspected, details will be passed to fraud prevention agencies. Law enforcement agencies and other organisations may access and use this information.
- 11.5** If we, or a fraud prevention agency, determine that you pose a fraud or money laundering risk, we and others may refuse to provide the services and financing you have requested, to employ you, or we may stop providing existing services to you.
- 11.6** A record of any fraud or money laundering risk will be retained by the fraud prevention agencies, and may result in others refusing to provide services, financing or employment to you. Fraud prevention agencies can hold your information for different periods of time, and if you are considered to pose a fraud or money laundering risk, your data can be held for up to six years.
- 11.7** If you would like a copy of your information held by the credit reference and fraud prevention agencies we use, or if you want further details of how your information will be used by these agencies, please visit their websites or contact them using the details below. The agencies may charge a fee.

Credit reference Agency	Contact details
Callcredit Limited (callcredit.co.uk/crain)	Post: Callcredit Information Group, One Park Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS3 1EP. Website: callcredit.co.uk/consumer-solutions/contact-us Email: consumer@callcreditgroup.com Phone: 0330 024 7574
Equifax Limited (equifax.co.uk/crain)	Post: Equifax Ltd, Customer Service Centre, PO Box 10036, Leicester LE3 4FS. Website: equifax.co.uk/Contact-us/Contact_Us_Personal_Solutions.html Email: equifax.co.uk/ask Phone: 0333 321 4043 or 0800 014 2955
Experian Limited (experian.co.uk/crain)	Post: Experian, PO BOX 9000, Nottingham NG80 7WF. Website: experian.co.uk/consumer/contact-us/index.html Email: consumer.helpservice@uk.experian.com Phone: 0344 481 0800 or 0800 013 8888
CIFAS (https://www.cifas.org.uk/privacy-notice)	Post: Consumer Affairs, Cifas, 6th Floor, Lynton House, 7-12 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LT Email: cifas.org.uk/fpn Phone: 0330 100 0180
National Hunter Ltd (https://www.nhunter.co.uk/privacypolicy/)	Post: National Hunter Ltd, PO Box 4744, Stone ST15 9FE. Website: nhunter.co.uk/contactus/ Email: info@nhunter.co.uk
Dun and Bradstreet (https://www.dnb.co.uk/utility-pages/privacy-policy.html)	Post: Marlow International, Parkway, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1AJ. Website: www.dnb.co.uk Phone: 0800 001 234
TransUnion International UK Limited (https://www.transunion.co.uk/crain)	Post: Consumer Service Team, PO Box 491, Leeds LS3 1 WZ. Website: www.transunion.co.uk Phone: 0330 024 7579

12 How long we keep your information

- 12.1** By providing you with products or services, we create records that contain your information, such as customer account records, activity records, tax records and lending and credit account records. Records can be held on a variety of media (physical or electronic) and formats.
- 12.2** We manage our records to help us to serve our customers well (for example for operational reasons, such as dealing with any queries relating to your account) and to comply with legal and regulatory requirements. Records help us demonstrate that we are meeting our responsibilities and to keep as evidence of our business activities.
- 12.3** Retention periods for records are determined based on the type of record, the nature of the activity, product or service, the country in which the relevant RBS company is located and the applicable local legal or regulatory requirements. We (and other RBS group companies) normally keep customer account records for up to six years after your relationship with the bank ends, whilst other records are retained for shorter periods. Retention periods may be changed from time to time based on business or legal and regulatory requirements.
- 12.4** We may on exception retain your information for longer periods, particularly where we need to withhold destruction or disposal based on an order from the courts or an investigation by law enforcement agencies or our regulators. This is intended to make sure that the bank will be able to produce records as evidence, if they're needed.
- 12.5** If you would like more information about how long we keep your information, please contact us at 03457 24 24 24. **Overseas number:** +44 131 549 8888. **Minicom:** 0800 404 6160.

13 Security

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure with us and with the third parties who act on our behalf. For more information about the steps we are taking to protect your information please visit <https://personal.rbs.co.uk/personal/fraud-and-security.html> or contact us at 03457 24 24 24. **Overseas number:** +44 131 549 8888. **Minicom:** 0800 404 6160.

Schedule A – Schedule of Purposes of Processing

We will only use and share your information where it is necessary for us to carry out our lawful business activities. Your information may be shared with and processed by other RBS group companies. We want to ensure that you fully understand how your information may be used. We have described the purposes for which your information may be used in detail in a table below:

A Contractual necessity

We may process your information where it is necessary to enter into a contract with you for the provision of our products or services or to perform our obligations under that contract. Please note that if you do not agree to provide us with the requested information, it may not be possible for us to continue to operate your account and/or provide products and services to you. This may include processing to:

- a) assess and process applications for products or services;
- b) provide and administer those products and services throughout your relationship with the bank, including opening, setting up or closing your accounts or products; collecting and issuing all necessary documentation; executing your instructions; processing transactions, including transferring money between accounts; making payments to third parties; resolving any queries or discrepancies and administering any changes. Calls to our service centre and communications to our mobile and online helplines may be recorded and monitored for these purposes;
- c) manage and maintain our relationships with you and for ongoing customer service. This may involve sharing your information with other RBS group companies to improve the availability of our services, for example enabling customers to visit branches of other RBS group companies;
- d) administer any credit facilities or debts, including agreeing repayment options; and
- e) communicate with you about your account(s) or the products and services you receive from us.

B Legal obligation

When you apply for a product or service (and throughout your relationship with us), we are required by law to collect and process certain personal information about you. Please note that if you do not agree to provide us with the requested information, it may not be possible for us to continue to operate your account and/or provide products and services to you. This may include processing to:

- f) confirm your identity, including using biometric information and voice-recognition technology and other identification procedures, for example fingerprint verification;
- g) perform checks and monitor transactions and location data for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and to comply with laws relating to money laundering, fraud, terrorist financing, bribery and corruption, and international sanctions. This may require us to process information about criminal convictions and offences, to investigate and gather intelligence on suspected financial crimes, fraud and threats and to share data with law enforcement and regulatory bodies;
- h) assess affordability and suitability of credit for initial credit applications and throughout the duration of the relationship, including analysing customer credit data for regulatory reporting;
- i) share data with other banks and third parties to help recover funds that have entered your account as a result of a misdirected payment by such a third party;
- j) share data with police, law enforcement, tax authorities or other government and fraud prevention agencies where we have a legal obligation, including reporting suspicious activity and complying with production and court orders;
- k) deliver mandatory communications to customers or communicating updates to product and service terms and conditions;
- l) investigate and resolve complaints;
- m) conduct investigations into breaches of conduct and corporate policies by our employees;
- n) manage contentious regulatory matters, investigations and litigation;
- o) perform assessments and analyse customer data for the purposes of managing, improving and fixing data quality;
- p) provide assurance that the bank has effective processes to identify, manage, monitor and report the risks it is or might be exposed to;
- q) investigate and report on incidents or emergencies on the bank's properties and premises;
- r) coordinate responses to business-disrupting incidents and to ensure facilities, systems and people are available to continue providing services; and
- s) monitor dealings to prevent market abuse.

C Legitimate interests of the bank

We may process your information where it is in our legitimate interests do so as an organisation and without prejudicing your interests or fundamental rights and freedoms.

- a) We may process your information in the day-to-day running of our business, to manage our business and financial affairs and to protect our customers, employees and property. It is in our interests to ensure that our processes and systems operate effectively and that we can continue operating as a business. This may include processing your information to:
- (i) monitor, maintain and improve internal business processes, information and data, technology and communications solutions and services;
 - (ii) ensure business continuity and disaster recovery and responding to information technology and business incidents and emergencies;
 - (iii) ensure network and information security, including monitoring authorised users' access to our information technology for the purpose of preventing cyber-attacks, unauthorised use of our telecommunications systems and websites, prevention or detection of crime and protection of your personal data;
 - (iv) provide assurance on the bank's material risks and reporting to internal management and supervisory authorities on whether the bank is managing them effectively;
 - (v) perform general, financial and regulatory accounting and reporting;
 - (vi) protect our legal rights and interests;
 - (vii) manage and monitor our properties and branches (for example through CCTV) for the purpose of crime prevention and prosecution of offenders, for identifying accidents and incidents and emergency situations and for internal training; and
 - (viii) enable a sale, reorganisation, transfer or other transaction relating to our business.
- b) It is in our interest as a business to ensure that we provide you with the most appropriate products and services and that we continually develop and improve as an organisation. This may require processing your information to enable us to:
- (i) identify new business opportunities and to develop enquiries and leads into applications or proposals for new business and to develop our relationship with you;
 - (ii) send you relevant marketing information (including details of other products or services provided by us or other RBS group companies which we believe may be of interest to you). We may show or send you marketing material online (on our own and other websites including social media platforms), in our app, or by email, sms or post;
 - (iii) understand our customers' actions, behaviour, preferences, expectations, feedback and financial history in order to improve our products and services, develop new products and services, and to improve the relevance of offers of products and services by RBS group companies;
 - (iv) monitor the performance and effectiveness of products and services;
 - (v) assess the quality of our customer services and to provide staff training. Calls to our service centres and communications to our mobile and online helplines may be recorded and monitored for these purposes;
 - (vi) perform analysis on customer complaints for the purposes of preventing errors and process failures and rectifying negative impacts on customers;
 - (vii) compensate customers for loss, inconvenience or distress as a result of services, process or regulatory failures;
 - (viii) identify our customers' use of third-party products and services in order to facilitate the uses of customer information detailed above; and
 - (ix) combine your information with third-party data, such as economic data in order to understand customers' needs better and improve our services.

We may perform data analysis, data matching and profiling to support decision-making with regards to the activities mentioned above. It may also involve sharing information with third parties who provide a service to us.

- c) It is in our interest as a business to manage our risk and to determine what products and services we can offer and the terms of those products and services. It is also in our interest to protect our business by preventing financial crime. This may include processing your information to:
- (i) carry out financial, credit and insurance risk assessments;
 - (ii) manage and take decisions about your accounts;
 - (iii) carry out checks (in addition to statutory requirements) on customers and potential customers, business partners and associated persons, including performing adverse media checks, screening against external databases and sanctions lists and establishing connections to politically exposed persons;
 - (iv) share data with credit reference, fraud prevention agencies and law enforcement agencies;
 - (v) trace debtors and recovering outstanding debt;
 - (vi) for risk reporting and risk management.

Application decisions may be taken based on solely automated checks of information from credit reference agencies and internal RBS records. For more information on how we access and use information from credit reference and fraud prevention agencies see Section 11 – Credit reference and fraud prevention agencies in this document.