



Privacy Policy

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*A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.
Proverbs 11: 13, Holy Bible, New International Version*

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1. INTRODUCTION

Seventh-day Adventist Church (Victorian Conference) Ltd (ACN 106 906 469) of 141 Central Road, Nunawading VIC 3131 (**“We, “us, and “our”**) respects your right to privacy.

We are committed to maintaining the privacy of individuals whose personal information we collect in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (**Privacy Act**) and the Australian Privacy Principles (**APPs**).

This policy explains how and why we collect, use, hold and disclose your personal information.

You consent to us collecting, holding, using and disclosing your personal information in accordance with this policy.

2. WHAT IS PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Personal information is any information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who can be reasonably identified from the information or opinion. Information or an

opinion may be personal information regardless of whether it is true.

3. WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT AND HOLD?

We collect information about you and your interactions with us, for example, when you interact with one of our services, call us or visit our website. The information we collect from you may include your name, contact details, photograph and other personal information relating to you, your use of our products and services and details of enquiries or complaints you make.

We may collect information about how you access, use and interact with the website. This information may include:

- (a) the location from which you have come to the site and the pages you have visited; and
- (b) technical data, which may include IP address, the types of devices you are using to access the website, device attributes, browser type, language and operating system.

We use cookies on the website. A cookie is a small text file that the website may place on your device to store information. We may use persistent cookies (which remain on your computer even after you close your browser) to store information that may speed up your use of our website for any of your future visits to the website. We may also use session cookies (which no longer remain after you end your browsing session) to help manage the display and presentation of information on the website. You may refuse to use cookies by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser. However, please note that if you do this, you may not be able to use the full functionality of the website.

4. WHY DO WE COLLECT, HOLD AND USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

We collect, hold and use your personal information so that we can:

- (a) perform our functions and activities;
- (b) provide you with products and services, and manage our relationship with you;
- (c) contact you, for example, to respond to your queries or complaints, or if we need to tell you something important;
- (d) comply with our legal obligations and assist government and law enforcement agencies or regulators; or
- (e) identify and tell you about other products or services that we think may be of interest to you.

If you do not provide us with your personal information, we may not be able to provide you with our products and services, communicate with you or respond to your enquiries.

5. HOW DO WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

We collect your personal information directly from you whenever you interact with us. We may also collect information from third parties such as denominational entities that are a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or its members.

Our purpose for collecting personal information should be clear when we collect it. If you are

uncertain, please contact us. Our contact details are set out below.

6. HOW DO WE STORE AND HOLD PERSONAL INFORMATION?

We store most information about you in computer systems and databases operated by either us or our external service providers. Some information about you is recorded in paper files that we store securely.

We implement and maintain processes and security measures to protect personal information which we hold from misuse, interference or loss, and from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

These processes and systems include:

- (a) the use of identity and access management technologies to control access to systems on which information is processed and stored;
- (b) requiring all employees to comply with internal information security policies and keep information secure;
- (c) requiring all employees to complete training about information security; and
- (d) monitoring and regularly reviewing our practise against our own policies and against industry best practice.

We will also take reasonable steps to destroy or de-identify personal information once we no longer require it for the purposes for which it was collected or for any secondary purpose permitted under the APPs.

7. WHO DO WE DISCLOSE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO, AND WHY?

We may transfer or disclose your personal information to denominational entities that are a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We may disclose personal information to external service providers so that they may perform services for us or on our behalf.

We may also disclose your personal information to others where:

- (a) we are required or authorised by law to do so;
- (b) you may have expressly consented to the disclosure or the consent may be reasonably inferred from the circumstances; or
- (c) we are otherwise permitted to disclose the information under the Privacy Act.

If the ownership or control of all or part of us changes, we may transfer your personal information to the new entity.

Some denominational entities that are part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are located outside Australia. Where any disclosure of personal information is made to them, we will take reasonable steps to make sure that they will not breach the APPs. We do not otherwise disclose your personal information to recipients located outside Australia.

8. DO WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR MARKETING?

We will use your personal information to offer you products and services we believe may interest you, but we will not do so if you tell us not to. These products and services may be offered by us or denominational entities that are part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Where you receive electronic marketing communications from us, you may opt out of receiving further marketing communications by following the opt-out instructions provided in the communication.

9. ACCESS TO AND CORRECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

You may access or request correction of the personal information that we hold about you by contacting us. Our contact details are set out below. There are some circumstances in which we are not required to give you access to your personal information.

There is no charge for requesting access to your personal information but we may require you to meet our reasonable costs in providing you with access (such as photocopying costs or costs for time spent on collating large amounts of material).

We will respond to your requests to access or correct personal information in a reasonable time and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information we hold about you remains accurate, up to date and complete.

10. COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint about the way in which we have handled any privacy issue, including your request for access or correction of your personal information, you should contact us. Our contact details are set out below.

We will consider your complaint and determine whether it requires further investigation. We will notify you of the outcome of this investigation and any subsequent internal investigation.

If you remain unsatisfied with the way in which we have handled a privacy issue, you may approach an independent advisor or contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (www.oaic.gov.au) for guidance on alternative courses of action which may be available.

11. CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us at:

Conference Secretary

Seventh-day Adventist Church (Victorian Conference) Ltd

PO Box 215, Nunawading VIC 3131

(03) 9264 7777

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12. CHANGES TO THIS POLICY

From time to time, we may change our policy on how we handle personal information or the types of personal information which we hold. Any changes to our policy will be published on our website.

You may obtain a copy of our current policy from our website or by contacting us at the contact details above.

13. AUTHORISATION AND POLICY VERSION HISTORY

ACTION	AUTHORITY	APPROVAL DATE	VERSION
First Approved <i>as Public Statement on Privacy Policy</i>	Board of Directors	2/2/2004 Action 2004.6	v.1
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