Cookie Policy

This page forms part of our Privacy Policy and describes the use of cookies on our website.

Most websites you visit will use cookies in order to improve your user experience by enabling that website to 'remember' you, either for the duration of your visit (using a 'session cookie') or for repeat visits (using a 'persistent cookie'). This policy explains how we do that.

Some websites will also use cookies to enable them to target their advertising or marketing messages based for example, on your location and/or browsing habits.

What are cookies?

Cookies are small data files (normally numbers and letters) which a website may put on your computer or mobile device when you visit a site or page. The cookie will help the website, or another website, to recognise your device the next time you visit. Web beacons or other similar files can also do the same thing. We use the term "cookies" in this policy to refer to all files that collect information in this way.

Cookies do lots of different jobs, like letting you navigate between pages efficiently, storing your preferences, and generally improving your experience of a website. Cookies make the interaction between you and the website faster and easier. If a website doesn't use cookies, it will think you are a new visitor every time you move to a new page on the site - for example, when you enter your login details and move to another page it won't recognise you and it won't be able to keep you logged in.

Certain cookies contain personal information - for example, if you click to "remember me" when logging in, a cookie will store your username. Most cookies won't collect information that identifies you, and will instead collect more general information such as how users arrive at and use a websites, or a user's general location.

How do we use cookies?

Cookies enable us to identify your device, or you when you have logged in. We use cookies that are strictly necessary to enable you to move around the site or to provide certain basic features. We use cookies to enhance the functionality of the website by storing your preferences, for example. We also use cookies to help us to improve the performance of our website to provide you with a better user experience.

For the avoidance of doubt we do not use cookies to collect personally identifiable information about you.

If you wish to view your cookie code, just click on a cookie to open it. You will see a short string of text and numbers. The numbers are your identification card, which can only be seen by the server that gave you the cookie.

How to control cookies?

If you don't want to receive cookies, you can modify your browser so that it notifies you when cookies are sent to it or you can refuse cookies altogether. You can also delete cookies that have already been set.

If you wish to restrict or block web browser cookies which are set on your device then you can do this through your browser settings; the Help function within your browser should tell you how. Alternatively, you may wish to visit www.aboutcookies.org, which contains comprehensive information on how to do this on a wide variety of desktop browsers. For information on how to do this on the browser on your mobile phone you will need to refer to your handset manual.

Manage cookies and learn more

If you'd like to learn how to remove cookies set on your device, visit: www.aboutcookies.org.

Please note that by deleting our cookies or disabling future cookies you may not be able to access certain areas or features of our site.

What cookies are used by this site?

Types of cookie that may be used during your visit to our website are:

- Session cookies

- Session and permanent cookies

- Third party cookies

Session cookies

Session cookies enable our website to keep track of your movement from page to page so you don't get asked for the same information you've already given to the site. These cookies allow you to proceed through the pages of our site quickly and easily without having to authenticate or reprocess each new area you visit. They are automatically deleted when you close your web browser.

Session and permanent cookies (also called persistent cookies)

These help our website remember your preferences and settings when you visit again in the future. They therefore speed up and enhance your experience of services or functions offered.

For these cookies to work, they are stored on you device and are not deleted when the browser is closed.

Third party cookies

These are placed by another company (domain) and are used to help us track visitor behaviour and revenue in order for us to measure the performance of our website.

Google Analytics - To track which pages on the site are most commonly used, the number of visitors to the site, page views, which browsers are used, entry pages etc. We use the information provided to help us improve our site and identify the most popular pages. Cookies last between one month and one year. For more information on Google Analytics we recommend you visit the Google Analytics website.