#### **ECONOMICS ONLINE LTD, TRADING AS 'LEARN ECONOMICS'**

# **Website privacy policy**

This website is operated by ECONOMICS ONLINE LTD, TRADING AS 'LEARN ECONOMICS'. The privacy of our users is extremely important to us and therefore we encourage all users to read this policy very carefully because it contains important information regarding:

- who we are:
- how and why we collect, store, use and share personal information;
- your rights in relation to your personal information; and
- how to contact us and supervisory authorities in the event that you have a complaint.

#### Who we are

ECONOMICS ONLINE LTD, TRADING AS 'LEARN ECONOMICS' ('we', 'us', 'our') may collect, use and are responsible for storing certain personal information about you ('you', 'your', 'yours').

# The personal information we collect and use

Personal information is information which you can be identified from (and does not include any anonymised forms of information).

## 1. Types of personal information

We may process the following types of personal information in relation to you:

While personal information is not collected directly by us, it is collected by other companies for analytics purposes, including collecting data on broad categories such as geolocation, gender, age, and possible interests. We use Google Analytics in order to monitor site usage, including uses of specific pages, so that we can improve our site by writing content which we believe will be useful to our visitors, and add value. Google has their own Privacy Policy which is available online at Google Privacy Policy.

# How your personal information is collected

This section describes how the above types of personal information are collected by us. Your personal information will be collected as follows:

## 1. Personal information obtained by use of cookies or other automated means

We will sometimes obtain information via automated technology. This shall be by use of cookies and other similar technology. A cookie is a small text file which is placed onto your computer or electronic device when you access our website. Similar technologies include web beacons, action tags, local shared objects ('flash cookies') and single-pixel gifs. Such technologies can be used to track users' actions and activities, and to store information about them. Usually this will be in order to monitor and obtain information regarding:

Number of visits, number of returning visitors in relation to new visitors, pages visited, general traffic and location data.

On the first occasion that you use our site we will ask whether you consent to our use of cookies and/or other similar processing technologies. If you do not consent, such technologies will not be used. Thereafter you can opt-out of using cookies at any time or you can set your browser not to accept cookies. However, some of our website features may not function as a result.

For further information on our use of cookies and other similar technologies, please see our policy document as described below.

## 2. Changes to the way in which we collect your personal information

In the event that we need to obtain personal information in relation to you from any other source than those described above, we shall notify you of this.

## **How we use your personal information**

#### 1. General purposes

In general, your personal information will generally be processed for the following purposes:

Information is provided to us by Google Analytics who have their own Privacy Policy. We use 'broad category' information provided to us by Google Analytics including geolocation of visitors, gender of visitors and their age. We do not directly access IP addresses or any data that allows us to identify an individual visitor/user.

## 2. Monitoring

We may monitor communications to us via email and in doing so we may obtain your personal information through this process. We will undertake monitoring in the following circumstances:

Emails to the site will be monitored by way of site support.

# Lawful basis for processing of your personal information

We have described above the purposes for which we may process your personal information. These purposes will at all times be justified by UK data protection law.

#### 1. General lawful bases

The lawful basis upon which we are able to process your personal data are:

- (1) where we have your consent to use your data for a specific purpose;
- (2) where it is necessary to enter into a legal contract with you or to perform obligations under a legal contract with you;
- (3) where it is necessary to enable us to comply with a legal obligation;
- **(4)** where it is necessary to ensure our own legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party (provided that your own interests and rights do not override those interests). Wherever we rely upon this basis, details of the legitimate interests concerned shall be provided to you;
- **(5)** where we need to protect your own vital interests (or the vital interests of another person); and/or
- **(6)** where it is needed in the public interest (or where we are acting in our official functions), provided that the task or function has a clear basis in law.

In general, in order to meet the purposes we have described above, we will process your personal information where it is necessary to protect our legitimate interests, and legitimate interests of others but only where your own interests and rights do not override these interests. Those legitimate interests are:

- i. To understand how our site and its content are currently used.
- ii. To understand how our site and its content can be improved.
- iii. To understand trends in site usage so that we can create relevant, topical, and useful content.

## **Sharing of your personal information**

On any occasion where any of your personal information is shared with any third party, we shall only permit them to process such information for our required purposes, under our specific instruction, and not for their own purposes. We are required to enter into a formal legal agreement to enable such sharing to take place.

We do not anticipate that we will need to share your personal information with any third party. We will notify should this position changes.

# How long your personal information will be kept

Your personal information will only be kept for the period of time which is necessary for us to fulfil the above purposes. Communication with us will be via email and emails will be stored for a period of 1 year.

After the period described above, your information shall be properly deleted or anonymised.

# **Keeping your information secure**

We will ensure the proper safety and security of your personal information and have measures in place to do so. We will also use technological and organisation measures to keep your information secure. These measures are as follows:

Information gathered by email correspondence will be secured in a password protected server used by the site's hosting provider, <u>20i</u>, and on a computer at the site's offices.

We have proper procedures in place to deal with any data security breach, which shall be reported and dealt with in accordance with data protection laws and regulations. You shall also be notified of any suspected data breach concerning your personal information.

## **Children**

Our website is an educational site that provides information for those studying GCSE, A Level, and High School economics and equivalent and to undergraduates at University and as such the age range of visitors to our site is typically between 15 and 21. We do not collect information from children nor do we intend to.

# **Your rights**

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation you have a number of important rights free of charge. In summary, those include rights to:

- (1) fair processing of information and transparency over how we use your use personal information;
- (2) access to your personal information and to certain other supplementary information that this Privacy Statement is already designed to address;
- (3) require us to correct any mistakes in your information which we hold;
- (4) require the erasure of personal information concerning you in certain situations;

- **(5)** receive the personal information concerning you which you have provided to us, in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit this information to a third party in certain situations;
- **(6)** object at any time to processing of personal information concerning you for direct marketing;
- (7) object to decisions being taken by automated means which produce legal effects concerning you or similarly significantly affect you;
- **(8)** object in certain other situations to our continued processing of your personal information, or ask us to suspend the processing procedure in order for you confirm its assurance or our reasoning for processing it;
- **(9)** object to processing our your personal information where we are doing so in reliance upon a legitimate interest of our own or of a third party and where you wish to raise to an objection to this particular ground;
- **(10)** otherwise restrict our processing of your personal information in certain circumstances;
- (11) claim compensation for damages caused by our breach of any data protection laws; and/or
- **(12)** in any circumstance where we rely upon your consent for processing personal information, you may withdraw this consent at any time.

For further information on each of those rights, including the circumstances in which they apply, see the Guidance from the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on your rights under the General Data Protection Regulations.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact Richard Howarth in the following manner:

Email to support@learn-economics.co.uk

## **Your Requirements**

If you would like this policy in another format (for example: audio, large print, braille) please contact us using the details below:

Email to support@learn-economics.co.uk

# **Complaints procedure**

We hope that we can resolve any query or concern you raise about our use of your information.

The UK General Data Protection Regulation also gives you right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority. The supervisory authority in the United Kingdom is the Information Commissioner. Any complaints should be addressed in the first instance to:

Email to support@learn-economics.co.uk

# **Changes to the privacy policy**

This privacy policy was published on 13th December 2023 and last updated on 13th December 2023.

We may change this privacy policy from time to time and will notify you of any changes by:

Notice on the Home Page of the site.

# **Contacting us**

The relevant person to contact regarding your personal information is: Richard Howarth.

Any requests or questions regarding the use of your personal information should be made to the above named person using the following method:

Email to support@learn-economics.co.uk

# **Sources of further Information**

This policy provides key information to you regarding the processed of your information. For certain areas of our information processing, we have further comprehensive details contained in other documentation. This information can be located as follows:

Our policy regarding the use of cookies and other similar technologies entitled COOKIE POLICY can be located at:

https://www.learn-economics/Cookie-policy.pdf

If you have any questions regarding your privacy, please contact us at:

support@learn-economics.co.uk