



## Law Society of Ireland

### Privacy Statement for Preliminary Exam and FE-1 Exam Applicants

We are the Law Society of Ireland of Blackhall Place, Dublin 7, Ireland (the “**Law Society**”, “**we**”, “**us**”, “**our**”). We are the educational, representative and regulatory body of the solicitors' profession in Ireland.

We take our responsibilities under applicable data protection law, including the General Data Protection Regulation and implementing legislation such as the Data Protection Act 2018 very seriously. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the data relating to you that we may collect and use in connection with your application to sit and our administration of the Preliminary Examination (“**Preliminary Exams**”) and/or the Final Examination Part 1 (“**FE-1 Exams**”) and the uses (including disclosures to third parties) we may make of such data.

The Law Society is the controller of this personal data. If you have any questions about our use of your personal data, please contact us at [dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie](mailto:dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie).

#### Personal Data that we collect and Process

We will collect and process personal data relating to you in connection with the Preliminary Exams and FE-1 Exams. This personal data may include:

- your name and contact details, including your address, phone number, email address and post code;
- your date of birth;
- your credit/debit card or bank account details;
- photographic identification, including copies of your passport or driving licence;
- where necessary, evidence and details of any disability you may have;
- your examination script and result;
- your Law Society identification number;
- your educational background, including a copy of your degree certificate;
- details of any previous sittings of Preliminary Exams or FE-1 Exams;
- any other personal data which you provide to us directly e.g medical records.

## **Purposes of Processing and Legal Basis**

We will use personal data relating to you for the purposes of:

- processing your application to sit the Preliminary Exams and/or FE-1 Exams;
- ensuring you meet the requirements to sit the Preliminary Exams and/or FE-1 Exams;
- administering the Preliminary Exams and FE-1 Exams, marking your exam scripts, providing you with your results and administering any appeals;
- contacting you in order to provide you with updates in relation to your application;
- where necessary, providing adapted arrangements for applicants with a disability to sit the Preliminary Exams and/or FE-1 Exams;
- generating and analysing statistics regarding the Preliminary Exams and FE-1 Exams;
- to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations

The legal basis on which we collect, process and transfer your information in the manner described above are:

- that this is necessary for the performance of a contract with you or in order to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract;
- our legitimate interests in regulating the solicitors' profession in Ireland and ensuring the proper management and functioning of the Law Society. We will not process your personal data for these purposes if to do so would constitute an unwarranted interference with your own interests, rights and freedoms; and
- that this is necessary for compliance with a legal or regulatory obligation that applies to us; and
- to perform a task carried out in the public interest.

The legal bases on which we collect, process and transfer special categories of data relating to you in the manner described above are:

- that this is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest; and
- that you have given your explicit consent to such processing

## **Recipients of Data**

We may disclose your personal data to other organisations in connection with the above purposes, including:

- to third parties who we engage to provide services or benefits to us or to you, such as professional advisers, auditors, and examiners;

- to competent regulatory authorities and other bodies where requested or required by law; and

### **Requirement to Provide Data**

You are not under a statutory or contractual duty to provide us with any personal data.

However, there are some pieces of information that you must provide to us so that we can confirm your eligibility for and process your application to sit the Preliminary Exams and/or FE-1 Exams. If you do not provide us with this information, you may not be permitted to sit the Preliminary Exams and/or FE-1 Exams.

### **Retention**

We will not hold your data for longer than is necessary. We may retain your personal data for the duration of your relationship with the Law Society and for such period of time thereafter as is necessary to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations.

### **Transfers Abroad**

In connection with the above we might transfer your personal data outside the European Economic Area, including to a jurisdiction which is not recognised by the European Commission as providing for an equivalent level of protection for personal data as is provided for in the European Union. If and to the extent that we do so, we will ensure that appropriate measures are in place to comply with our obligations under applicable law governing such transfers. These may include entering into a contract governing the transfer that contains the 'standard contractual clauses' approved for this purpose by the European Commission. If you would like to receive further details of the measures that we have taken in this regard, please contact us at [dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie](mailto:dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie).

## Your rights

You have the following rights, in certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, in relation to your personal data:

- *Right to access the data* – You have the right to request a copy of the personal data that we hold about you, together with other information about our processing of that personal data.
- *Right to rectification* – You have the right to request that any inaccurate data that is held about you is corrected, or if we have incomplete information you may request that we update the information such that it is complete.
- *Right to erasure* – You have the right to request us to delete personal data that we hold about you. This is sometimes referred to as the right to be forgotten.
- *Right to restriction of processing or to object to processing* – You have the right to request that we no longer process your personal data for particular purposes, or to object to our processing of your personal data for particular purposes.
- *Right to data portability* – You have the right to request us to provide you, or a third party, with a copy of your personal data in a structured, commonly used machine readable format.
- *Right to withdraw your consent* – Where our processing of your personal data is based on you having provided your consent, you have the right to withdraw such consent.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please contact us at [dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie](mailto:dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie).

## Complaints

If you have any queries or complaints in connection with our processing of your personal data, you can contact us at [dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie](mailto:dataprivacy@lawsociety.ie).

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Irish Data Protection Commission if you are not happy with the way we have used your information or addressed your rights. Details of how to lodge a complaint can be found on the [Data Protection Commissioner website](#) or you can call the Data Protection Commission at 353 (0)761 104 800.