



Wirral Met College
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Job Applicant Privacy Notice

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As part of any recruitment process, Wirral Metropolitan College collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The College is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

What information does the College collect?

Wirral Metropolitan College collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- Your names, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- Details of your qualifications, skills, experience, training and employment history;
- Whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process; and equality questionnaire;
- Information about your entitlement to work in the UK

Wirral Metropolitan College may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumes, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment, including online tests.

The organisation may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers and information from criminal records checks. The College will seek information from third parties only once a job offer to you had been made (unless you are advised otherwise) and will inform you that it is doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems and on other IT systems (including email).

Why does the College process personal data?

Wirral Metropolitan College needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, the organisation needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

Wirral Metropolitan College has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the organisation to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. The College may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

Wirral Metropolitan College may process special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. It may also collect information about whether or not applicants are disabled to make reasonable adjustments for candidates who have a disability. The organisation processes such information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

For some roles, the College is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where the College seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

If your application is unsuccessful, the organisation may keep your personal data on file in case there are future employment opportunities for which you may be suited or for the purpose of providing you with feedback. The organisation will ask for your consent before it keeps your data for this purpose and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time.

Who has access to data?

Your information may be shared internally for the purpose of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR and recruitment team, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers and Directors and Assistant Principals in the business area with a vacancy and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

Wirral Metropolitan College will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment (unless you are advised otherwise). The organisation will then share your data with former employers / Education Providers to obtain references for you, employment background check providers to obtain necessary criminal records checks, the College's Occupational Health Provider to determine fitness for work and any required reasonable adjustments.

The organisation will not transfer your data outside the European Economic Area.

How does the College protect data?

Wirral Metropolitan College takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

For how long does the College keep data?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the organisation will hold your data on file in line with the College's retention policy after the end of the relevant recruitment process. If you agree to allow the organisation to keep your personal data on file, the organisation will hold your data on file in line with the College's retention policy for consideration for future employment opportunities. At the end of that period or once you withdraw your consent, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be in accordance with our Staff Privacy Notice.

Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- Access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- Require the organisation to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- Require the organisation to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- Object to the processing of your data where the organisation is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact wmcjobs@wmc.ac.uk

If you believe that the organisation has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to the College during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, the College may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

Automated decision-making

Recruitment processes are not based solely on automated decision-making.