

**Process Id# :: 0008**  
**Process Name :: Website data collection & Cookie Policy**  
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### **Description ::**

The NSSO gathers statistical and analytical information collected on an aggregate basis of all visitors to our websites / portals. This non-personal data comprises information that cannot be used to identify or contact you, such as:

- Time of visit to websites
- The previous website address from which the visitor reached us, including any search terms used.
- Clickstream data, which shows the traffic of visitors around this website (for example pages accessed and documents downloaded)
- The IP address of a visitor to our websites / portals is recorded as part of this statistical data.

### **Purpose of Processing ::**

No attempt whatsoever is made by the NSSO to link this IP address to any other information that may allow us to identify any individual visiting our websites. The data gathered in aggregate from visitors to our websites helps us to get a better understanding of the areas of interest to our visitors and to better design and organise our websites / portals.

### **Links ::**

The NSSO's websites / portals contains links to other sites. We are not responsible for the privacy standards of other websites. We encourage you to be aware of this when you leave our sites. This privacy statement relates only to the privacy practices in connection with NSSO's own websites.

### **Cookies ::**

Cookies are small pieces of information, stored in simple text files, placed on your computer by a website. Some cookies can be read by the website on your subsequent visits. The information stored in a cookie may relate to your browsing habits on the webpage, or a unique identification number so that the website can 'remember' you on your return visit. Other cookies are deleted when you close your browser and only relate to the working of the website. Generally speaking, cookies do not contain personal information from which you can be identified, unless you have furnished such information to the website. Guidance on Cookies can be found [here on the Data Protection Commission](#) website.

Most browsers allow you to turn off cookies or to customise your settings for cookies. To find out how to do this, see the 'Help' menu on your browser. Please note that if you turn off cookies or change your settings, some features may not work correctly.

### **Cookies & Regulation 5 of the ePrivacy Regulations ::**

Regulation 5 of the European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services)(Privacy and Electronic Communications) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 336 of 2011) ('the ePrivacy Regulations') protects the confidentiality of communications.

Regulation 5(3): A person shall not use an electronic communications network to store information, or to gain access to information already stored in the terminal equipment of a subscriber or user, unless

- (a) the subscriber or user has given his or her consent to that use, and
- (b) the subscriber or user has been provided with clear and comprehensive information in accordance with the Data Protection Acts which—
  - (i) is both prominently displayed and easily accessible, and
  - (ii) includes, without limitation, the purposes of the processing of the information

### **Cookies on the NSSO websites ::**

In line with Regulation 5(3) we would highlight that Cookies are in a number of places on the NSSO websites.

- When you first visit this website, you will see a message informing you about cookies. Cookies are only set if you select 'Allow all' or if you choose to set preferences and enable the analytical cookie preferences.

- The following Cookies are set on the various site's if consent is granted for cookies.

<https://www.nssso.gov.ie/>

#### Google Analytics

- **Cookie Name:** \_gat\_gtag\_UA\_85488233\_9
  - **Description:** Used to throttle request rate
- **Cookie Name:** \_ga
  - **Description:** Used to distinguish users
- **Cookie Name:** \_gid
  - **Description:** Used to distinguish users

#### Language Selection

- **Cookie Name:** qtrans\_front\_language
  - **Description:** Remembers your language choice and display's site in that language

<http://peoplepoint.gov.ie/>

#### Google Analytics

- **Cookie Name:** \_gat\_gtag\_UA\_42328974\_2
  - **Description:** Used to throttle request rate
- **Cookie Name:** \_ga
  - **Description:** Used to distinguish users
- **Cookie Name:** \_gid
  - **Description:** Used to distinguish users

#### Language Selection

- **Cookie Name:** qtrans\_front\_language
  - **Description:** Remembers your language choice and display's site in that language

<https://pssc.gov.ie/>

#### Google Analytics

- **Cookie Name:** \_gat\_gtag\_UA\_85488233\_26
  - **Description:** Used to throttle request rate
- **Cookie Name:** \_ga
  - **Description:** Used to distinguish users
- **Cookie Name:** \_gid
  - **Description:** Used to distinguish users

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