

Privacy policy

Kiwa aims to create trust, which is why your privacy is important to us. In this privacy statement, we will explain to you what kind of personal data we collect, how we collect it and what we use it for.

Kiwa offers a wide range of services and products, to all of which this statement applies. This statement is regularly reviewed and updated as our services and products may evolve.

Kiwa invests in securing your privacy by enhancing knowledge, professionalism and ethics among its employees and contractors, and takes steps to ensure adequate protection for your personal data.

Who are we?

We are one major global player in the TIC market (Testing, Inspection, Certification). Kiwa is active in more than 40 countries with customers in almost all industries. We want to be a Partner for Progress wherever we are in the world.

What personal data do we collect?

Kiwa collects personal data to enable us to provide you with our services and products. Personal data collected vary with the nature of the service or product we provide or may provide you with. Commonly, this includes among others your name, contact data such as email address, phone number, (business) location, registration number, your age or date of birth and the country you live in. Sensitive information is only processed when explicitly required and within the constraints of the law.

You provide some of this data to us directly by subscribing to newsletters or other regular information from Kiwa, by requesting offers for services or products from us or by taking delivery from services or products we offer. We also get some of your data by using tracking cookies on our website. Incidentally we may also receive data from third parties, e.g. when your employer registers you for certain training sessions or certifications.

What do we use personal data for?

Kiwa has a policy of collecting only personal data which are necessary for processing. We will process your personal data only with your consent or in cases of necessity, such as the execution of a contract, legal obligations, carrying out a task in the public interest or corresponding interests.

We need your personal data for one or more of the following purposes:

- At the assessment and acceptance of a customer, supplier or business partner;
- At the development and improvement of services and/or products;
- By conclusion and execution of agreements with customers, supplier and business partner;
- By relationship management and marketing;

- At business process execution, internal management and management reporting;
- For secure health, safety, security and integrity;
- For compliance with law;
- For protection of the vital interests of individuals.

If and when the processing of your personal data is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw this consent at any time.

Where is your personal data stored?

Kiwa makes use of three main ways of processing your personal data: on-site by Kiwa in our datacenter, on-line with our ICT suppliers and for specific services and products using applications (cloud) provided by selected third parties. Kiwa has a strict security policy to ensure adequate security of your personal data. When we use an on-line provider, we choose to work with industry leaders – or other parties who comply with EU law and who have extensive security and privacy measures in place.

The storage period of your personal data depends on the type of process for which it is needed. For many of our services and products, your personal data are part of a continuous process, which is why your personal data will be stored until that process terminates. In all other cases, your personal data will be deleted without undue delay when it has served its purpose, unless any kind of legal storage period is applicable.

With whom do we share personal data?

Kiwa generally does not share data with others that collect and use personal data for their own (business) purposes. If needed to provide you with services and products by Kiwa, third parties may receive data from us about you. We may share your personal data with others who are related to our services and products. Personal data of a sensitive nature is generally not shared unless the strict exemptions of the law are followed or in case of emergency where your vital interests are best served by sharing relevant information.

Who can access your data?

Kiwa provides limitation of access for Kiwa internally, and we expect third parties to equally limit access to your personal data on a 'need to know, right to know' basis. That is, only those who actively need to process your data are allowed to do so. Right to know means we only entrust working with personal data to persons we can put trust in, and being entitled to access such data. We extend this towards our suppliers or third-parties we work with.

Your rights as an individual

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) provides you with a set of rights. These individual rights are stated in the GDPR and will be respected by Kiwa. These rights include the right to be informed where personal data are collected, the right to access and the right to rectification of your data if and when it is inaccurate. Also, under specific circumstances mentioned in the GDPR, you may request erasure of your personal data or restrict the processing of it. Furthermore, you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, or to being subject to automated decision making and profiling. Lastly, you have the right to data portability. In addition to these rights, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection.

About this privacy statement

Kiwa Privacy Statement is updated to ensure it is always current. If there are any material changes to the statement or in how Kiwa will use your personal data, we will notify you by prominently posting such changes on our website or by directly sending you a notification. In the event of a conflict between this Kiwa privacy statement and the terms of any agreement(s) between a customer and Kiwa, the terms of those agreement(s) will control. For certain Kiwa entities, a more specific privacy statement may be applicable and will be offered to you in case of personal data processing.

Questions about your privacy at Kiwa?

If you have any questions left regarding our privacy policy, you can contact any of our Data Protection Officers.

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