



## Privacy Notice: Gas and Electricity Supply

### 1. Bord Gáis Energy and your personal information

This is the Bord Gáis Energy Limited Gas and Electricity Supply Privacy Notice. For all Gas and Electricity Supply services provided by us, the data controller is Bord Gáis Energy Limited. Bord Gáis Energy Limited is part of the Centrica group.

All of our Privacy Notices are located at [www.bordgaisenergy.ie/dataprotection](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/dataprotection). If you are a HomeCare boiler services customer, the Home Care Privacy Notice at [www.bordgaisenergy.ie/docs/DataProtection/HomeCarePrivacyNotice.pdf](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/docs/DataProtection/HomeCarePrivacyNotice.pdf) will apply to you.

### 2. Personal information we collect

We collect the following types of personal information from you:

- a. Your contact details:** information that allows us to contact you directly - your name, email address, telephone number and addresses associated with your account.
- b. Details of other people linked to your account:** if you have nominees, executors, or people with a power of attorney, their details will be linked to your account.
- c. Payment information and account history:** purchase history, credit/debit card details and bank account details you provide to make payment for the products and services you purchase from us; your payment method and history.
- d. Vulnerable Customer status:** if you apply to be registered on our Special or Priority Services Register, you provide us with details of your advanced age and health status/conditions (for more details, see [www.bordgaisenergy.ie/docs/publications/codes-of-practice/bge-special-services-register-v4.pdf](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/docs/publications/codes-of-practice/bge-special-services-register-v4.pdf) (for electricity) [www.bordgaisenergy.ie/docs/publications/codes-of-practice/BGE\\_NG\\_SSCOP\\_0515.pdf](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/docs/publications/codes-of-practice/BGE_NG_SSCOP_0515.pdf) (for gas))
- e. Meter and energy consumption information:** information about your meter (GPRN and/or MPRN) and how much energy is used at your premises.
- f. Records of your discussions with our customer support teams, including call recordings:** when you share comments and opinions with us, ask us questions or make a complaint, including when you phone us, we will keep a record of this. This includes when you send us emails, letters, phone our support team or contact us through social media.

- g. Identification information:** identification documents may be requested by us on occasion when dealing with customer queries. Where customers avail of Fuel Allowance, their PPS number will be required.
- h. Credit information:** information that allows us to understand your creditworthiness.
- i. Responses to surveys, competitions and promotions:** we keep records of any surveys you respond to or your entry into any competition or promotion we run.
- j. Lifestyle and demographic insight information:** we use regional demographic information to determine what products or services customers may be interested in.
- k. Rewards information:** if you are a member of our Rewards Club, information about your Rewards account, including which rewards you choose.
- l. How you use mobile applications and websites:** when you use our applications or websites, we collect information about the pages you look at and how you use them, your device type, operating system and browser type.
- m. Location information:** your smartphone or computer's IP address may tell us an approximate location when you connect to our websites, but this will be no more precise than the city, county or country you are using your device in.
- n. Advertising and Direct Marketing:** information about how you respond, or interact with, any direct marketing or advertising communications directed to you, including any requests for these communications to stop.

You are not required to provide any of the personal information described above to us, however, if you do not do so, you may not be able to set up an account with us, or the functionality of our products or services may be reduced.

### 3. What we use your personal information for and why

We process some of your personal information to fulfil the contract between us and we are also required by law to obtain this information as we are a licenced electricity and gas supplier:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Personal information used</b>
<b>Providing products and services to you and maintaining your account</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the data listed in categories a-h of section 2 above</li> </ul>
<b>Billing you and taking payment for our products and services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the data listed in categories a-h of section 2 above</li> </ul>
<b>Answering your queries or complaints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the data listed in categories a-h of section 2 above</li> </ul>
<b>To deliver service communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your contact details and account history</li> </ul>
<b>Debt collection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the data listed in categories a-h of section 2 above</li> </ul>

We process the following personal information because we have a legal obligation to do so:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Personal information used</b>
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<b>Detecting, preventing or investigating crime or suspected crime (pursuant to our license obligations and the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2012)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The personal data we use will depend on the nature of the problem. At a minimum, it will include your contact details and account history</li> </ul>
<b>Maintaining the Priority and Special Services Registers (pursuant to S.I. No. 463/2011)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are registered on our Priority or Special Services Register, we will be processing health information that is relevant to maintaining these registers</li> </ul>
<b>Attending to emergency situations (pursuant to our license obligations)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact details</li> <li>Account information and details of other people linked to your account</li> <li>Vulnerability information</li> </ul>
<b>Complying with obligations imposed by our regulators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The personal data we use will depend on the nature of the issue but will often include all the data listed in categories a-f of section 2 above</li> </ul>
<b>Internal and statutory audits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All personal information we collect as listed in Section 2</li> </ul>

We process the following personal information to ensure our customers, staff or agents are protected from harm:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Personal information used</b>
<b>Health and Safety of our customers, staff and contractors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Account information</li> <li>Records of your discussions with our customer support teams</li> </ul>

We process the following personal information because we have a legitimate interest to do so:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Personal information used</b>
<b>Maintaining and improving our products and services</b> e.g. optimising pricing structures and business operations, analysing performance of advertising and marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All personal information we collect as listed in Section 2 (but not your payment details)</li> </ul>
<b>Staff training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All personal information we collect as listed in Section 2 (but not your payment details)</li> </ul>
<b>Developing new products and services, and determining products and services that may be of interest to you</b> e.g. by understanding demographics to determine the most relevant products and services for customers' needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the personal information we collect as listed in Section 2 (but not your payment details)</li> </ul>
<b>Market surveys, research and analytics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All personal information we collect as listed in Section 2 (but not your payment details)</li> </ul>
<b>Direct marketing our similar products and services (only in accordance with your marketing preferences, and you will always be given the opportunity to unsubscribe)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact details</li> <li>Marketing preferences set by you</li> <li>Account history</li> </ul>
<b>Making credit decisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact details</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment information and account history</li> </ul>
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We process some of your personal information because you have provided your consent to the processing. You may revoke your consent at any point, by contacting us at [dataprotection@bordgais.ie](mailto:dataprotection@bordgais.ie) or Data Governance Officer, Bord Gáis Energy Limited, PO Box 10943, Dublin 2 or at [www.bordgaisenergy.ie/dataprotection/#opt-out](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/dataprotection/#opt-out):

Purpose	Personal information used
<b>Direct marketing a wider range of our products and services or those of third parties (only in accordance with your marketing preferences, and you will always be given the opportunity to unsubscribe)</b> e.g. if you are a member of our Rewards Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact details</li> <li>• Account information and history</li> <li>• Rewards information</li> <li>• Purchase and account history</li> <li>• Marketing preferences set by you</li> </ul>

#### **Where we process your personal data so you can't be identified any more**

We may anonymise and aggregate any of the personal data we hold (so that it does not identify you). We may use anonymised and aggregated information for purposes that include testing our IT systems, research, data analysis, improving our site, apps and developing new products and services.

#### **4. Sources we collect your personal information from**

We will collect personal information from the following sources:

- **Directly from you:** when you set up an account with us, purchase products or services from us, submit information via our websites or apps, complete forms we provide to you, enter our competitions and promotions, make a complaint, contact us by phone, email or communicate with us directly in some other way.
- **Other entities/companies we work with:** provide us with information to help us deliver our products and services to you. These include:
  - **Networks companies who are required to read your meter, provide energy consumption information and information on the metering/network connection at your premises to Bord Gáis Energy.**
    - ESB Networks – all electricity meters are owned and read by ESB Networks; the readings are provided to us so that we can bill our customers.
    - Gas Networks Ireland – all gas meters are owned and read by Gas Networks Ireland; the readings are provided to us so that we can bill our customers.
  - **Companies in the Centrica group:** who may provide relevant information about the products and services bought from them.
  - **Payment services providers:** if you authorise a third party to process your bill payments, payment information will be provided to us from that third party.

- **Other companies' apps and products:** provide us with information if you connect them to our products or services, including social media providers.
- **Third party utility sign-up providers:** companies which allow you to sign up with us as an energy company give contact information, where you give permission for them to pass it on to us or, with your permission, from other energy suppliers if you switch to us.
- **Letting Agents/ Landlords:** these companies or individuals may pass us your details to allow an account to be opened in your name to keep the supply of energy on at your home when you move in.

## 5. Who we share your personal information with

We share personal information with the following parties. We always have contracts in place with these entities, obligating them to protect your data:

- **Companies in the Centrica group:** to provide a service to you, and for cross-marketing activities, in accordance with your marketing preferences.
- **Networks Companies:** Gas Networks Ireland and ESB Networks to register you as our customer, for them to read the meter at your home, to carry out siteworks at your home, to register you as a Vulnerable Customer on their database or in the event of a Supplier of Last Resort situation or where we need to share information in order to deal with a complaint that you raise. We may disclose information when required by legal process for investigations by the Networks Companies
- **Any party approved by you:** including, if you take part in the Bord Gáis Energy reward or loyalty schemes, or if you ask us to transfer your data to another company.
- **Advertising/Marketing partners:** so that we can run advertising campaigns and conduct market research and analysis. This may include social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Google Ads. Any information provided to these third parties will be pseudonymised by hashing so that your information cannot be directly identified.
- **Other service providers and advisors:** companies that support our IT, help us analyse the data we hold, process bills and payments, send communications to our customers, provide us with legal or financial advice, carry out debt collection services.
- **Purchasers of our business:** buyers or prospective buyers who we sell or negotiate to sell our business to.
- **Government bodies or our regulators:** where we are required to do so by law or to assist with their investigations or initiatives, or are part of industry information sharing schemes, including the Data Protection Commission, Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and the Central Bank of Ireland.

- **Industry supervisory bodies:** we may pass your information on to organisations that supervise the industry, like Registered Gas Installers (RGI) and the National Electrical Contractors Ireland (NECI).
- **Garda Síochána and law enforcement agencies:** to assist with the detection, investigation prevention and prosecution of crime.
- **Other bodies or service providers:** if you are a vulnerable customer we may share your details with other entities if we become aware that you require assistance.
- **Other energy suppliers:** to help us make credit decisions.

We do not disclose personal information except as set out above. We may provide third parties with aggregate statistical information and analytics about users of our products and services and we will make sure no one can be identified from this information before we disclose it.

## 6. Direct Marketing

**Email, telephone, postal and SMS marketing:** from time to time, Bord Gáis Energy or the Centrica group may contact you by email, social media sites, telephone (mobile and landline), post or SMS with information about products and services we believe you may be interested in. We will only send marketing messages to you in accordance with the marketing preferences you set when you create your account or that you tell us afterwards you are happy to receive.

You can also unsubscribe from our marketing by following the unsubscribe instructions in email or SMS communications that we send to you. You can then let us know at any time that you do not wish to receive marketing messages by completing this online web form [www.bordgaisenergy.ie/dataprotection/#opt-out](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/dataprotection/#opt-out) or call us on 01 611 01 01. You can opt-out by marketing type (e.g. email, SMS, etc.) as we know our customers may be happy to receive one form of marketing but not another.

## 7. Tailored Advertising / profiling

We work with our advertising partners, including social media sites and providers, to show you advertising about our products and services, and those offered by group companies and services. This takes place on websites or apps where our partners have advertising space or direct marketing to your premises. To do this, some of our advertising partners provide us with aggregated, non-personal geographical and demographic information. Other partners use information about the websites, apps, social media content and ads you interact with or view when connected to the Internet, to make sure the advertising you see is more relevant to you, as well as information which we provide to them. Typically, cookies and similar technologies are used to provide this type of advertising online. You can find out more about cookies and how to manage their use by reading our cookie notice:

[www.bordgaisenergy.ie/website-terms/#cookie-notice](http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/website-terms/#cookie-notice)

## **8. Transferring your personal information internationally**

In providing our services, we work with partners which transfer and store data in India and in the Philippines. As these jurisdictions are outside of the EEA and their privacy laws are considered to be less protective than those within the EEA, we have ensured that appropriate safeguards are in place such as the standard contractual clauses, which have been approved by the European Commission, with these partners <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32010D0087>

## **9. How long do we keep personal information for?**

We will keep your personal information for as long as you have an account with us. After you close your account with us we will keep your personal information for a period to maintain our records, to respond to your queries, for safety reasons, for bill reconciliation purposes and to meet legal and regulatory obligations. The periods we will keep information for are subject to change as required by legal obligations on us as a licensed gas and electricity supplier. Where a customer has attempted to close their account but there is outstanding debt or credit balance on the account then these accounts will be classed as current customers and will remain open until the debt is paid.

## **10. Your rights in relation to your personal information**

You have the following rights in relation to your personal information: (i) the right to be informed about how your personal information is being used; (ii) the right to access the personal information we hold about you; (iii) the right to opt-out of receiving direct marketing messages; (iv) the right to request the correction of inaccurate personal information we hold about you; (v) the right to request the blocking or deletion of your personal information in some circumstances and; (vi) the right to request that we port elements of your data either to you or another service provider.

To exercise any of the above rights, or if you have any questions relating to your rights, please contact us by using the details set out in the "Contacting us" section below.

If you are unhappy with the way we are using your personal information you can also complain to the office of the Data Protection Commission:

- by post to the Data Protection Commission, 21 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin 2, D02 RD28, Ireland
- by phone +353 (0761) 104 800 or +353 578 684 800; or
- by webform at <https://forms.dataprotection.ie/contact>

## **11. Contacting Us**

We are here to help and encourage you to contact us [dataprotection@bordgais.ie](mailto:dataprotection@bordgais.ie), or write to us

at:

Data Governance Officer, Bord Gáis Energy Limited, PO Box 10943, Dublin 2 or call 01 611 01 01.

We may update this privacy notice from time to time to ensure it is always up to date and accurate. Any changes we may make to our privacy notice will be posted on this page, and we will communicate any significant changes to you.

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