

This website uses 'cookies' - pieces of data which are stored on your computer.

This Policy explains how we use cookies on this website.

### **What are cookies?**

A "cookie" is a small text file that is placed on your device or computer by a website that you visit, which enables features and functionality. They are useful because they allow websites to work, or work better, as well as provide information to the owners of the website. When you visit or browse our websites ([www.edodevaid.org](http://www.edodevaid.org)) you will receive cookies from us

### **Why do we use cookies?**

There are several types of cookie and they have different functions or uses. For example, some cookies help us improve the experience of our website or help us tailor our services to you. We use cookies to enhance the online experience of our visitors, to better understand how our websites are used. This enable us to provide our visitors with a better user experience. Cookies, may tell us, for example whether you have visited our site before if whether you are new visitor.

### **What are cookies used for?**

Cookies can be used to recognise you, remember your preferences, and give you a personalised experience in line with your settings. They can make your interactions with us faster and more secure. Additionally, cookies allow us to bring you advertising, and bring customised features to you.

- **Authentication:** If you're signed in (eg as a member), cookies help us show you the right information and personalise your experience.
- **Security:** We use cookies to enable and support our security features, and to help us detect malicious activity like credit card fraud.
- **Preferences, features and services:** Cookies can help you fill out forms more easily. They also provide you with customised content.
- **Advertising:** We may use cookies to show you relevant advertising both on and off our site. We may also use a cookie to learn whether someone who saw an ad later visited our site and took an action (eg downloaded a factsheet or made a donation). This helps us see how the ad performed.
- **Performance, analytics and research:** We use cookies to understand, improve, and research new features and services, eg the common Google Analytics cookie which allows us to collect (and 'remember' for up to 28 days) anonymous information about how you use our website. This helps us improve the site.

### **What are the type of cookies?**

There are broadly two types of cookies – first party cookies and third-party cookies: **First party cookies** are cookies that are served directly by the website owner to your computer, and are often used to recognise your computer when it revisits that site and to remember your preferences as you browse the site. For instance, our content management system will set cookies without which the site could

not function. **Third party cookies** are served by a service provider on behalf of the website owner and can be used by the service provider to recognise your computer when you visit other web sites. These are most commonly used for web site analytics or advertising purposes.

### **What cookies do we use?**

We have categorised the cookies we use on our website as follows:

- **Performance Cookies (also often called analytic cookies)** – that help us collect information about your use of the website to improve the website and your user experience
- **Functionality Cookies** – that help the website function better for you by, for example, personalising areas of the website for you, if you are a return visitor
- **Essential Cookies** – that are essential cookies for you to use parts of the website.

We may use third party cookie, such Google Analytics (a web analytics service provided by Google, Inc) and Social media cookies.

Google use cookies for the purpose of evaluating your use of the website, compiling reports on website activity for website operators and providing other services relating to website activity and internet usage. Google may also transfer this information to third parties where required to do so by law, or where such third parties process the information on Google's behalf. Google will not associate your IP address with any other data held by Google. For more details, please read Google's Analytics overview.-You can always opt-out of Google Analytics cookies by Google's opt-out tool.

We may also use social media cookies – Some of our pages contain embedded content such as YouTube video, Twitter feed, Facebook likes or Google plus share, and you may receive cookies delivered from these websites. These cookies allow you to interact with our website.

Our website may also contain embedded “share” buttons to enable users of the site to easily share articles with their friends through a number of popular networks, for example, Facebook and Twitter. These sites may set a cookie when you are also logged in to their service.

*We do not control the publication of third-party cookies, so to understand more about their cookies or privacy policy, please visit the relevant sites.*

### **How long do we use Cookies?**

Cookies may be either 'session cookies' or 'persistent cookies'. Your computer automatically removes session cookies once you close your browser. Persistent cookies will survive on your computer until an expiry date specified in the cookie itself, is reached. We may use both session and persistent cookies.

### **What are your rights?**

Cookies can easily be deleted or disabled by selecting the options on your browser. Our cookies do not store financial information or information which is capable of directly identifying you (such as your name or address). You have the right to choose whether to accept these cookies. You can exercise this right by amending or setting the controls on your browser to reflect your cookie preferences. However, please note that if you choose to refuse cookies you may not be able to use the full functionality of this website.

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either accept all cookies or only mandatory cookies. Please use the switch below to make changes to your preference. You can revisit this page at any time to make changes.

We may change this document from time to time to reflect the latest views of how we use cookies and legal and regulatory changes. Please check back frequently. You will be able to see changes have been made by the date it was last updated.

### **Can you accept cookies?**

By using our website, you consent to our use of cookies as updated from time to time and the cookies we use will be stored on your device (unless rejected by you, or disabled by your browser). We have a visible banner on our website to remind users that by using the website you consent to our use of cookies.

*If you do not accept our use of cookies as set out in this Policy, please set your internet browser to reject cookies. This may impair your ability to use our website. Most browsers allow you to control cookies through their settings on your computer or other device.*

However, if you limit the ability of websites to set cookies, you may worsen your overall user experience, since it will no longer be personalized to you. It may also stop you from saving customised settings like login information. If you use our website without changing your browser settings, we'll assume that you're happy to receive all cookies. We may update our cookies from time to time, and this Policy, so please check this Policy regularly. More general information on cookies is available at [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org) or [www.aboutcookies.org](http://www.aboutcookies.org)

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