

Use of Electronic Cookies

[What are cookies?](#)

A cookie is a small text file on your computer, created by a website to store information about your visit, such as your preferences. Once a cookie is saved on your computer, only the website that created the cookie can read it. Most major websites use cookies.

Our website may from time to time use either session cookies and/or persistent cookies – see below which explains the cookies we may use and why. You will be able to identify where we use persistent cookies on our websites by a pop-up request for your consent on its initial landing page or by the website otherwise notifying you of their use.

Where adopted, session cookies we have used are implemented strictly in order to allow the services that you request to be provided. Once you close your browser, session cookies simply terminate. This is in contrast to persistent cookies (such as our use on certain of our websites of Google Analytics) which are stored on your hard disk, but can be removed by deleting them in your web browser. We may later choose to adopt additional persistent cookies on our websites insofar as we believe these provide an enhanced experience for our customers or prospective customers. If we choose to do so, we will communicate such a change in practice and we will allow you to give/deny your consent before adopting this practice, to the extent applicable.

[Why do we use cookies?](#)

Cookies allow our websites to function fully in order to deliver our products and services to you. They may also help us to improve our website and to deliver a better and more personalised service to you.

Information gathered by cookies will, nevertheless, only be used in accordance with the terms of our privacy notice.

[How can you reject cookies?](#)

Unless you have adjusted your browser setting so that it will refuse cookies, our system will issue essential session cookies when you log on to our sites to allow them to function fully. Your consent will be sought for all other types of cookies.

You may refuse to accept all types of cookies by activating the setting on your browser which allows you to refuse the setting of cookies. Alternatively, you can click on the Reject button to decline cookies. However, if you select this setting, certain sections within our websites will not be able to function as expected.

Please note that any advertisers on our website may also use cookies on their websites, over which we have no control.

Overall, cookies help us provide you with a better website experience, by enabling us to monitor which pages you find useful and which you do not. A cookie in no way gives us access to your computer or any information about you, other than the data you choose to share with us.

While you do not need to allow your browser to accept cookies in order to browse much of our web site or to access many of our services, you must have cookies enabled if you wish to undertake certain services on our website or access any areas reserved for registered users.

More information about what cookies are, why they are used, and also how you can reject and delete them, is usually found in your browser's help section. This is normally accessed by pressing the F1 key. You can also learn more by visiting the page provided by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at www.ico.gov.uk.

Description	Name	Purpose	More Information
Cookie Acceptance	Cookie Acceptance	This cookie is used to record if a user has accepted the use of cookies on any of our websites. This cookie is stored for 2 years.	
Essential Cookie	ASP.NET_SessionId	This cookie is essential for navigating around the website. It randomly generates a session ID which acts as a unique identifier for your session, distinguishing your visit from any other visitors that may be using the websites at the same time. This cookie expires at the end of the user session.	Click here for Microsoft's overview of this type of cookie
Essential Cookie	JSESSIONID	This cookie is essential for navigating around the website. It randomly generates a session ID which acts as a unique identifier for your session, distinguishing your visit from any other visitors that may be using the website at the same time. This cookie expires at the end of the user session.	Click here for more information about the JSESSIONID cookie
Essential Cookie	firebugRedirect	Shows a popup to users who have been redirected from old domain. This cookie will expire after 60 days.	Click here for more information about Firebug
Essential Cookie	TSESSION	This cookie is used to maintain the section of site last searched. This cookie will expire after 1 month.	Click here for more information about Session Cookies
Essential Cookie	.ASPXROLES	Cookie to control which areas of the site are available. This cookie expires at the end of the user session.	Click here for Microsoft's overview of Role Management and Authentication cookies
Essential Cookie	.ASPXAUTH	Cookie to confirm if the user is authenticated. This cookie expires at the end of the user session.	Click here for Microsoft's overview of Role Management and Authentication cookies
Essential Cookie	Homecare.PageTextSize	Cookie to maintain the text size selected by the customer (for those with vision problems). This cookie will expire after 3 months.	
HTTP Session Cookie	X-Mapping	This cookie is essential to keep your browser sessions intact. It is created by the load balancer, used to maintain the user on to a front end node and will expire when you close the browser window. This cookie expires at the end of the user session.	Click here for more information regarding HTTP Session Cookies
Google Analytics	_utma _utmb _utmc _utmz	These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use our site. We use the information to compile reports and to help us improve the site. The cookies collect information in an anonymous form, including the number of visitors to the site, where visitors have come to the site from and the pages they visited. No personal information is collected in this process. These cookies will expire as follows: _utma - 2 years, _utmb - 30 minutes, _utmc - when user exits browser, _utmz - 6 months.	Click here for Google's overview of Privacy and Google Analytics

Description	Name	Purpose	More Information
Analytics Cookie	wow.anonymou sid	Anonymous Visitor ID. Does not store user data, only stores active menu node over post-back. The cookie expires after 2 years.	
Essential Cookie	FedAuth	The FedAuth cookie is a cookie for the user's session and works together with ASP.NET_SessionId	

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Third Party Cookie	wordpress_[hash]	This is a third party cookie used to store admin authentication details. This cookie expires after 2 weeks.	Click here for more information about WordPress cookies
Third Party Cookie	wordpress_logged_in_[hash]	This is a third party cookie used for indicating when you're logged in, and who you are, for most interface use. This cookie expires after 2 weeks.	Click here for more information about WordPress cookies
Third Party Cookie	wp-settings-{time}-[UID]	This is a third party cookie used to customize your view of admin interface, and possibly also the main site interface. This cookie expires after 2 weeks.	Click here for more information about WordPress cookies
Third Party Cookie	comment_auth or comment_auth_email comment_auth_url	These third party cookies are used to store visitor information on the blog so that the visitor won't need to re-type all their information again when they want to leave another comment. This cookie expires after 1 year.	Click here for more information about WordPress cookies
Third Party Cookie Used for ShareThis functionality	__utam	This is a third party cookie that one of our websites use to facilitate the easy of sharing of pages/links from this website across various social networks such as Facebook, Twitter etc. The "__unam" cookie is set as part of the ShareThis service and monitors "click-stream" activity, e.g. web pages viewed, navigation from page to page, time spent on each page etc. The ShareThis service only personally identifies you if you have separately signed up with ShareThis for a ShareThis account and given them your consent. This cookie will expire 9 months from the setup date.	Click here for more information about ShareThis and how you can Opt Out
Third Party Cookie	Ki_r and Ki_t	Provided by third party Kissmetric, these cookies are used as a mechanism to avoid repeat surveying users when they return to the site for subsequent visits. One cookie is created for each survey.	https://signin.kissmetrics.com/privacy/

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