

Overview of the Data Protection Policy

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act (CAP 586) regulate the processing of personal data whether held electronically or in manual form. The Malta Medicines Authority is set to fully comply with the Data Protection Principles as set out in these Regulations.

Purpose/s for collecting data:

The Malta Medicines Authority collects and processes information to carry out its functions under the Medicines Act 2003. All data is collected and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act (CAP 586), the Medicines Act 2003 and any other law/regulation to which this Medicines Authority may be subject.

Recipients of data:

Employees of the Malta Medicines Authority, who are assigned to carry out the functions of this Authority, access the information submitted to the Authority. Personal Data will not be disclosed to third parties without the consent of the data subject, unless obliged by law. All data is collected and processed in accordance with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act.

Your rights:

You are entitled to know, free of charge, what information the Malta Medicines Authority holds and processes about you and why; who has access to it; how it is held and kept up to date, its retention period and what the Authority is doing to comply with its obligations under the GDPR and the Data Protection Act.

The current Data Protection Regulations set down a formal procedure for dealing with data subject access requests, which the Malta Medicines Authority follows.

All data subjects have the right to access any personal information kept about them by the Authority, either on computer or in manual files. Requests for access to personal information by data subjects are to be made in writing and addressed to the Data Controller of the Malta Medicines Authority. Your identification details such as ID number, name and surname and address have to be submitted with the request. In case the Malta Medicines Authority encounters identification difficulties, you may be required to present an identification document such as the Identity Card, driving licence or passport to verify your identification.

The Malta Medicines Authority aims to comply as quickly as possible with requests for access to personal information and will ensure that it is provided within a reasonable time, unless there is good reason for delay. When a request for access cannot be met within a reasonable time, the reason will be explained in writing to the data subject making the request. Should there be any data breaches, the data subject will be informed accordingly.

All subjects have the right to request in writing their information is amended, or not used in the event the data is incorrect, as well as to object to or restrict the processing of their personal data unless a legal basis for the processing of such personal data is present.

It is within the rights of the data subject to request from the controller that their data shall be erased. The grounds upon which this is applicable are laid out in Article 17 of the GDPR. The data subject also has a right to receive personal data concerning him/her in a structured and machine-readable format for transfer to another controller.

Data Controller:

The Malta Medicines Authority Data Controller may be contacted either at:

The Chief Executive Officer
Medicines Authority,
Sir Temi Żammit Buildings,
Malta Life Sciences Park,
San Ġwann SĠN 3000, Malta

or at the following e-mail address: communications.medicinesauthority@gov.mt