

Valentine Financial Services Privacy Notice

Who we are

Valentine Financial Services / VFS are trading styles of Philip George and Christine Valentine which are Commercial Finance Brokers based in Lichfield. We act as a Broker / Intermediary for our customers.

Valentine Financial Services are Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. FRN: 706606

How we will use the information about you

Here at Valentine Financial Services we take your privacy seriously and will use your personal information in several ways which will help us;

1. make lender decisions,
2. for fraud prevention,
3. for audit,
4. for statistical analysis,
5. credit reference checks

We may share your information with, and obtain information about you from, credit reference agencies or fraud prevention agencies. Information you provided may be put onto a register of claims and shared with others to prevent fraudulent claims.

We will not disclose your information to any company outside of banks or lenders with which we have agreed lending lines except to help prevent fraud or if required by law to do so.

For further information on how your information is used, how we maintain the security of your information and your rights to access/alter and change information we hold on you, please contact Phil Valentine at phil@valentinefs.co.uk

Additional Marketing

However, from time to time we would like to contact you with detail of other products & services we provide. If you consent to us contacting you for this purpose please tick to say how you would like us to contact you.

- Post
- Email
- Phone
- Text
- Automated Call

Your Personal Data:

What we need

Valentine Financial Services will be what is known as the 'controller' or 'processor' of the personal data you provide to us. We collect personal data about you which may also include any special types of information or location-based information.

We also gather

name, address, email, and other information for financial status.

Why we need it

We need to know your basic personal data to provide you with an accurate recommendation for your personal circumstances. We will not collect any personal data from you we do not need to provide and oversee this service to you.

For processing of data to be lawful under GDPR Valentine Financial Services use;

- (a) Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose.
- (b) Contract: the processing is necessary for a contract with the individual, or because they have asked us to take specific steps before entering into a contract.
- (c) Legal obligation: the processing is necessary to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations).
- (d) Public task: the processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.
- (e) Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests.

What we do with it

Automated Decision Making: Valentine Financial Services will pass your data captured to lenders/funders & banks] whom may use automated decision-making in respect of your application for finance. We will only collect the minimum amount of data needed and have a clear retention policy for the profiles we create.

You have the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning you or any significant affects. You can request human intervention and challenge a decision made this way by contacting Phil Valentine phil@valentinefs.co.uk

All the personal data we use is controlled by Valentine Financial Services in the UK, however, for the purposes of IT hosting and maintenance, this information is located on servers within the European Union. No 3rd parties have access to your personal data unless the law allows them to do so. We have a Data Protection regime in place to oversee the effective and secure processing of your personal data. More information on this framework can be found at www.valentinefs.co.uk

We may pass your data to banks /lenders & funders to provide you with offers of products suitable to meet our customer requirements.

Your data is stored electronically on our cloud encrypted server. Our server is based in the United Kingdom.

How long we keep it

We are required under GDPR to keep your basic personal data, such as name, address, email & contact details for a minimum of 6 years, after which time it will be destroyed. The information used for marketing will be kept with us until you notify us that you no longer wish to receive this information.

What are your rights?

If at any point you believe retained information is incorrect you can request to see this information and even have it corrected and possibly deleted. Providing you with this information is free of charge, but charges may apply for excessive requests.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer, phil@valentinefs.co.uk who will investigate the matter.

Where relevant, you have the right to withdraw consent and object at any time and this means that we cannot process your data provided without your consent.

More information about your rights can be found on the Information Commissioners website. <https://ico.org.uk/>

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law, you can complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO).

Our Data Protection Officer is Phil Valentine and you can contact them at phil@valentinefs.co.uk

We will share your details with the banks, lenders and funders with whom we have agreed and authorised facilities, so that they process your information, allowing Valentine Financial Services to offer suitable and sustainable products that they provide. If you consent to us passing your details for the purposes within the notice, please sign to confirm.

Signed.....

Print Name.....