

## **WHAT ARE COOKIES?**

Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and also allows us to improve our website.

A cookie is a small file of letters and numbers that we store on your browser or the hard drive of your computer if you agree. Cookies contain information that is transferred to your computer's hard drive. Cookies are then sent back to the originating web domain on your subsequent visits to that domain.

Cookies allow you to navigate between pages efficiently and allows us to remember preferences and generally improve the user experience. They can also be used to connect your interaction with Homelend to LinkedIn tailoring the content you view on LinkedIn through tracking browsing across websites.

## **WHAT ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF COOKIES?**

A cookie can be classified by its lifespan and the domain to which it belongs.

By lifespan, cookies are either:

- Session cookies which enable a website to recognise the user's actions during a session and which are erased when the user closes the browser, or
- Persistent cookies which allow the user's actions and preferences to be remembered beyond a session and which remain on the user's computer/device for a pre-defined period of time, defined within the cookie.

As for the domain to which it belongs, there are either:

- First-party cookies which are set by the web server of the visited page and share the same domain, or
- Third-party cookies stored by a different domain to the visited page's domain. This can happen when the website references a file, such as JavaScript, located outside its domain.

## **IN PARTICULAR, HOMELEND USES THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COOKIES:**

Homelend uses cookies to remember log-in details, provide secure log-in and to collect statistics to optimize site functionality.

- Required cookies — These cookies are essential for you to browse the website and use its features, such as accessing secure areas of the site. Cookies that allow web shops to hold your items in your cart while you are shopping online are an example of strictly necessary cookies. These cookies will generally be first-party session cookies.
- Functional cookies — these cookies group two different types of functions:

- Preference cookies - these cookies allow a website to remember choices you have made in the past, like what language you prefer, what region you would like weather reports for, or what your username and password are so you can automatically log in.
- Statistics cookies — Also known as “performance cookies,” these cookies collect information about how you use a website, like which pages you visited, and which links you clicked on. None of this information can be used to identify you. It is all aggregated and, therefore, anonymized. Their sole purpose is to improve website functions. This includes cookies from third-party analytics services as long as the cookies are for the exclusive use of the owner of the website visited.
- We currently set the following cookies:

<b>Cookie Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Duration</b>
_ga	Functional Cookies	Used to distinguish users in Google Analytics.	2 years
_GRECAPTCHA	Functional Cookies	Provides spam protection.	session
_hj	Functional Cookies	Used to track your usage of our site.	1 year
mp_	Functional Cookies	Used to track your usage of our site.	1 year

Please note that LinkedIn may also use cookies, over which we have no control. These third-party cookies are likely to be analytical cookies, performance cookies or targeting cookies.

To deactivate the use of third-party advertising cookies, please see the details on how to disable cookies below.

## **CONSENT**

By using our website, you consent to the use of cookies in accordance with this Cookies Policy. You can choose whether to allow functional and advertising cookies and you will have seen a pop up to this effect on your first visit to this website. Should you like to withdraw your consent, please follow the instructions below.

## **HOW TO DISABLE COOKIES**

The Help menu on the menu bar of most browsers will tell you how to prevent your browser from accepting new cookies, how to have the browser notify you when you receive a new cookie and how to disable cookies altogether. Additionally, you can disable or delete similar data used by browser add-ons, such as Flash cookies, by changing the add-on’s settings or visiting the website of its manufacturer. Some of our sites employ “functionality cookies” that help the site remember your settings and preferences for use when you visit the site in the future. This provides a more tailored and pleasant user experience. These cookies store information in multiple places. On those sites using functionality cookies, you will find a “Delete Cookies” feature on every page that will allow you to delete these cookies completely from your device.

Please note that, if you decline to use cookies, you may experience reduced functionality and, for sites using authentication-related cookies, declining cookies will prevent you from using the website altogether. To learn more about what cookies are set on your computer as you browse the Web and how to manage or delete them, visit [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org).

Our Sites currently do not respond to "Do Not Track" (DNT) signals and operates as described in our Privacy Policy whether or not a DNT signal is received. If we do so in the future, we will describe how we do so in our Privacy Policy.

- The categories of Personal Information that Homelend has collected about you.
- The categories of sources where Homelend collected the Personal Information.
- The business or commercial purposes for why Homelend collected and/or sold the Personal Information.
- The third parties with whom Homelend shared the information.
- The specific pieces of information we collected.
- The categories of Personal Information, if any, Homelend has sold about you, categories of third parties to whom Homelend sold that Personal Information, and the category or categories of Personal Information sold to each category of third party. However, Homelend does not and will not sell Personal Information.
- The categories of Personal Information that we've shared with third parties for business or commercial purposes.

For more information on how we collect and use information that is identifiable to you, please refer to our [Privacy Policy](#).

## **DURATION**

Except for essential cookies, all cookies will expire after the browser is closed.

## **THIRD PARTY WEBSITES**

Please note that this Cookies Policy does not apply to, and we are not responsible for, the privacy practices of third-party websites which may be linked to or accessible through this website. We have no control over how third-party websites use cookies and we recommend that you check the relevant cookie and privacy policies of the third party for further information about any cookies they use.

## **CHANGES**

We will continue to update our Cookies Policy in the future and any changes we make will be posted on this page. This policy was last updated in January 2024.