

# Privacy Policy

## Essential Knowledge

### Policy Description

This policy outlines the handling of personal information by Ovation. It assists in enhancing transparency and providing a clear understanding of what information Ovation holds and the way we handle it.

### Who must comply?

Staff employed by Ovation a full/part time, casual, contract, agent, unpaid and voluntary basis. (staff, Board members, artists, tutors, agents, volunteers and residents).

### What do I need to know?

- Ovation respects your personal information and your right to privacy.
- Your personal information will be used for the purpose consistent with the reason it was provided.
- We will not share your personal information with a third party or other Government agency without your permission unless it:
  - is necessary to provide you with the service that you have requested;
  - is required to by authorised law;
  - will prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to an individual's health.
- You have the right to request access to your personal information and to correct, update and remove your details from our communications.

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## Privacy Policy

### 1. Background

Ovation is committed to respecting your personal information and your right to privacy. The *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012 (Cth)* regulates the handling of an individual's personal information. This includes the collection, storage, use, disclosure, security and disposal of an individual's personal information.

### 2. Purpose

This policy outlines the handling of personal information by Ovation. It assists in enhancing transparency and providing a clear understanding of what information Ovation holds and the way we handle it.

### 3. Scope

This policy applies to the personal information collected by Ovation. It does not cover personal information about our employees.

### 4. Definitions

**APP:** the Australian Privacy Principles, a single set of principles that apply to both Government agencies and the private sector. These principles replace the existing Information Privacy Principles (IPP) and the National Privacy Principles (NPP).

**Personal information:** information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable whether the information or opinion is true or not, or is recorded in a material form or not.

**Sensitive Information:** a sub-set of personal information that includes racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, membership of a professional or trade association or union, criminal records or health and genetic information about an individual.

**Directly related purpose:** disclosing your information where necessary to provide you with the service that you have requested.

**Implied consent:** consent that is inferred from signs, actions, and facts or by inaction or silence.

**Expressed consent:** clearly and unmistakably stated.

**Reasonably identifiable:** when information combined with other information (which may or may not be controlled by the same entity), identifies an individual or renders the individual as reasonably identifiable. The cost, difficulty, practicality and likelihood that the information will be linked in a way to identify the individual are to be considered when defining as reasonable identifiable.

### 5. Policy Statement

Personal information is the information that you provide to Ovation about yourself from which your identity is either apparent or can be reasonably identified. For example, an individual's name, address and contact number.

All personal information collected by Ovation is collected and stored in accordance with the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*, *Privacy Regulations 2013*, the *Australian Privacy Principles* and the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

## 5.1 Collection of your personal information

Ovation will only collect the personal information that you provide for the purpose consistent with the reason why you supplied it, or a directly related purpose. Ovation will only collect personal information by lawful and fair means and will not collect unnecessarily or in an intrusive manner. Individuals may interact with us anonymously or by pseudonym where it is lawful and practicable to do so.

When Ovation collects personal information directly from you, we will take reasonable steps to ensure that you are aware of the purpose for which we are collecting the information. In addition, you may provide your personal information to Ovation for a range of different reasons including:

- general enquiry via email, telephone or facsimile;
- contacting Ovation in person or in writing;
- capturing images or video footage for reporting and/or promotional purposes; or,
- completing an electronic or written contact form such as a workshop registration or grant application form.

### Kind of information

Commonly, the kind of information Ovation collects includes an individual and or/participant's name, and contact details.

Occasionally photographs/sound or image recordings maybe captured for a specified purpose, such as reporting, continuous improvement and/or promotional purposes. Notice will be given before images/recordings are taken and will be used for the purpose they were taken or consent will be obtained prior to use. On the occasions where Ovation intends to take photographs/recordings at a large event, we will consider giving notice to the people attending the function that photographs/recordings may be taken and used for a specified purpose. However, individuals are, at any time, able to request to have their image removed. Prior consent will be obtained from the child's parent or legal guardian before any image, sound and/or video footage is taken of that child.

## 5.2 Disclosure of personal information

Ovation will not share information with a third party or other Government agency without your permission unless it:

- is necessary to provide the service that was requested;
- is required to by Australian authorised law or Court Tribunal order;
- will prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to an individual's health or,
- the individual has consented the use for other than one of the reasons above.

In such a case, that personal information is disclosed in accordance with paragraph 5.2, the details of disclosure will be recorded.

Ovation will not disclose (sell or share) your personal information to any overseas recipient.

## 5.3 Use of personal information

Generally, Ovation will only use your personal information for the purpose for which you provided it. However, we may use your personal information if permitted by law or with your expressed or implied consent.

Ovation may use your personal information to send you material directly or electronically, with your consent. You might give consent by ticking a box on electronic form requesting information and/or marketing information or by an existing business relationship where you have previously provided your address and/or electronic address. However, at any time, the individual may request in writing to cease future communication.

Ovation may make contact with you in a variety of ways including by post, email, telephone call or facsimile.

#### **5.4 Sensitive information**

Ovation does not collect and/or share sensitive information unless:

- the individual has consented the use and provided the information;
- it is necessary to provide the service that was requested;
- it is required to by Australian authorised law or Court Tribunal order or;
- it will prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to an individual's health.

If Ovation receives unsolicited information, it will be destroyed or de-identified as soon as practicable.

#### **5.5 Children's Privacy**

Ovation ensures the protection of personal information of children and young people. Ovation encourages parents/guardians to participate with children with their online activities. Parental consent is obtained prior to children participating in workshops or activities held by Ovation. When collecting information about children we only ask for the necessary information to provide the requested service. The information obtained by Ovation's Health Safety and Wellbeing Declarations are kept for one calendar year, and are stored securely.

#### **5.6 Website security and privacy**

Ovation ensures that all online communications are secure by using industry standard encryption software. All credit card details are passed through an approved encryption connection to eWay. No credit card details are stored on the Ovation website, internal electronic systems or in hard copy.

#### **Social media**

Ovation participates in social media sites such as facebook, twitter, instagram, etc. These sites may handle your personal information for their own purpose and have their own privacy policies.

#### **5.7 Information quality, storage and security**

Ovation is committed to the collection of accurate information for clearly defined purposes; and will ensure that the information that is stored is accurate, up to date, relevant and complete. Ovation will take reasonable steps to ensure that personal information in its possession, or under its control, is securely stored and not misused, interfered with or lost. Reasonable steps will also be taken to ensure that personal information is protected from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

#### **5.8 Access & correction to personal information**

Individuals at any time may request in writing to Ovation to access, update, correct or remove personal information from our communications, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* and *State Records General Disposal Schedule No.15 (8th Edition)*. Any personal information that is no longer required Ovation will destroy or un-identify, except where the personal information is contained in a commonwealth record, or the organisation is required under Australian law or a court/tribunal order to retain the information. Personal information is kept only for as long as it is required for business purposes or by the Australian law.

### **5.9 Feedback and complaints**

Queries, feedback or concerns about your privacy or personal information that Ovation holds, or the way it is handled, can be made in writing to the organisation.

## **6. Procedures Title**

Privacy Procedures

## **7. Responsibility for implementation**

- The CEO will advise staff members of the new policy and procedures immediately.
- The Policy Administration Officer will advise all Ovation staff members that the Privacy Policy and Procedure will be available to view on the Ovation Server. The policy and procedure will be listed on the Ovation Policy webpage.
- The Privacy Policy and Procedure will be included in the Ovation Staff, Board Member, Artist and Volunteer Induction process.

## **8. Policy Status**

Created: 1 January 2011

Reviewed: 2 November 2015

Review Date: 2 November 2017

All relevant clearances are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

## **9. Key Stakeholders**

Ovation staff, clients and students.

## **10. Approval Body**

Ovation Strategic Team: 1 January 2011

## **11. Legislation**

*Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012 (Cth)*

*State Records Act 1997*

*Freedom of Information Act 1991*

## **12. Related Policies / documents**

*Australian Privacy Principles*

*Privacy Regulations 2013*

*State Records General Disposal Schedule No.15 (8th Edition)*

### **13. Next Review Date**

This Policy will be reviewed on a two yearly basis. However, if at any time the legislative, policy or funding environment is so altered that the policy is no longer appropriate in its current form, the policy will be reviewed immediately and amended accordingly.

#### ***Disclaimer***

*This policy does not represent legal advice. If you have any queries about your obligations, you should seek your own independent legal advice.*