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## About Cookie Policy.

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This Cookie Policy explains what cookies are and how we use them. You should read this policy to understand what cookies are, how we use them and the types of cookies we use. This will inform you about the information we collect using cookies, how that information is used and how to control the cookie preferences. For further information on how we use, store and keep your personal data secure, please read our [Privacy Policy](#). You can at any time change or withdraw your consent from the Cookie Declaration on our website. Learn more about who we are, how you can contact us and how we process personal data in our [Privacy Policy](#).

Mayo College of Further Education & Training will not use any personal information in any manner other than the purpose for which it was provided. Any information collected will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality.

This policy should be read in conjunction with MSLETB Data Protection Policies which can be accessed on MSLETB's website at <https://msletb.ie/about-us/corporate/access-to-information/data-protection/>.

## What are cookies?

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This website uses cookies. A cookie is a small piece of data that a website stores on your computer or mobile device when you visit that site. The cookies are stored on your device when the website is loaded on your browser. These cookies help us make the website function properly, make the website more secure, provide better user experiences by presenting tailored options based on the information stored about your last visit, understand how the website performs and to analyse what works and where it needs improvement. Cookies can also be used to analyse traffic and for advertising and marketing purposes.

If you want to check or change what types of cookies you accept, this can usually be altered within your browser settings / manage consent. You can block cookies at any time by activating the setting on your browser that allows you to refuse the setting of all or some cookies. However, if you use your browser settings to block all cookies (including essential cookies) you may not be able to access all or parts of our site.

### **Our cookies help us:**

- Make our website work as you'd expect.
- Remember your settings during and between visits.
- Improve the speed/security of the site.
- Allows us to share pages with social networks like Facebook.
- Continuously improve our website for you.

## How do we use cookies?

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Our website uses first-party and third-party cookies for a number of purposes. The first-party cookies are mostly necessary for the website to function the right way, and they do not collect any of your personally identifiable data. We use cookies to track your use of our website. This enables us to understand how you use the site and track any patterns of use. This helps us to develop and improve our website and our services in response to what you might need or want.

The third-party cookies used on our websites are used mainly for understanding how the website performs, how you interact with our website, keeping our services secure, providing advertisements that are relevant to you, and all in all providing you with a better and improved user experience and help speed up your future interactions with our website.

Our Course Finder is supplied by SOLAS and uses cookies. Please see [SOLAS's Privacy Statement](#) and [FETCH's Privacy Statement](#).

Online applications made on [www.mayocollege.ie](http://www.mayocollege.ie) are processed in line with MSL ETB's [Data Protection Policy](#).

Where we use external links on this website, please refer to the Cookie Policy and Privacy Statement on those external websites.

### Google Analytics

Our website uses Google Analytics, a web analysis service of Google, Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043 USA, [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) ("Google Analytics" or "Google"). Google Analytics employs cookies that are stored to your computer in order to facilitate an analysis of your use of the site. The information generated by these cookies, such as time, place and frequency of your visits to our site, including your IP address, is transmitted to Google's location in the US and stored there.

In using Google Analytics our website employs the extension "anonymizelp". In doing so, Google abbreviates and thereby anonymizes your IP address before transferring it from EU/EEA member states. Google uses this information to analyse your use of our site, to compile reports for us on internet activity and to provide other services relating to our website.

Google may also transfer this information to third parties where required to do so by law or where such third parties process this data on Google's behalf. Google states that it will never associate your IP address with other data held by Google. You can prevent cookies from being installed by adjusting the settings on your browser software accordingly as noted elsewhere in this Privacy Policy. You should be aware, however, that by doing so you may not be able to make full use of all the functions of our website.

Google Analytics also offers a deactivation add-on for most current browsers that provides you with more control over what data Google can collect on websites you access. The add-on tells the JavaScript (ga.js) used by Google Analytics not to transmit any information about website visits to Google Analytics. However, the browser deactivation add-on offered by Google Analytics does not prevent information from being transmitted to us or to other web analysis services we may engage.

Google Analytics also uses electronic images known as web beacons (sometimes called single pixel gifs) and are used along with cookies to compile aggregated statistics to analyse how our site is used.

If you wish to withdraw previously given consent to cookies on this website for any reason, click the link to the cookies control panel in the footer.

## How can I control the cookie preferences?

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You can manage your cookies preferences by clicking on the “Settings” button and enabling or disabling the cookie categories on the popup according to your preferences. Should you decide to change your preferences later through your browsing session, you can click on the “Manage Consent” tab on the bottom of our Home Page. This will display the consent notice again enabling you to change your preferences or withdraw your consent entirely.

In addition to this, different browsers provide different methods to block and delete cookies used by websites. You can change the settings of your browser to block/delete the cookies. To find out more on how to manage and delete cookies, visit [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org), [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org).

### **Turning Cookies Off**

You can usually switch cookies off by adjusting your browser settings to stop it from accepting cookies. Doing so however will likely limit the functionality of this site and a large proportion of the world’s websites, as cookies are a standard part of most modern websites.

It may be that you have concerns around cookies in relation to so called “spyware”. Rather than switching off cookies in your browser you may find that anti-spyware software achieves the same objective by automatically deleting cookies considered to be invasive.



## What types of cookies do we use?

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The following are the types of Cookies in use on our website:

- **Session cookies:** these are only stored on your computer during your web session and are automatically deleted when you close your browser. They usually store an anonymous session ID allowing you to browse a website without having to log in to each page, but they do not collect any personal data from your computer.

- **Persistent cookies:** a persistent cookie is stored as a file on your computer and remains there when you close your web browser. The cookie can be read by the website that created it when you visit that website again.

- **Functionality cookies:** These cookies allow our website to remember choices you make and provide enhanced features. For instance, we may be able to provide you with news or updates relevant to the services you use. They may also be used to provide services you have requested such as viewing a video or commenting on a blog. The information these cookies collect is usually anonymised.

- **Third-Party Cookies:** Our site, like most websites, includes functionality provided by third parties. These are loaded as a result of the way we integrate tools and content from other websites. Disabling these cookies will likely break the functions offered by these third parties.

- **HTTP Cookies:** An *HTTP cookie* (web cookie, browser cookie) is a small piece of data that a server sends to the user's web browser. The browser may store it and send it back with later requests to the same server. Typically, it is used to tell if two requests came from the same browser — keeping a user logged-in, for example. It remembers stateful information for the stateless HTTP protocol.

- **HTML Local Storage:** Local storage is mainly used to store and retrieve data in HTML pages from the same domain. Even after restarting a browser, the data can be recovered from all windows in the same domain. This type of storage offers numerous options for Web apps.

## Cookie Categories

The cookies used on our website are grouped into the following categories:

### Strictly Necessary Cookies

- **Necessary cookies:** These cookies are absolutely essential for the website to function properly. This category only includes cookies that ensure basic functionalities and security features of the website. These cookies do not store any personal information.

Cookie	Type	Duration	Description
cookieawinfo-checkbox-analytics	Persistent / HTTP Cookie (Functional)	1 year	This cookie is set by GDPR Cookie Consent WordPress Plugin. The cookie is used to remember the user consent for the cookies under the category "Analytics / Performance". It does not store any personal data. Stores the user's cookie consent for the current domain. Cookie Banner developed by WebToffee. Read <a href="#">WebToffee's Privacy Policy</a> .
cookieawinfo-checkbox-necessary	Persistent / HTTP Cookie (Functional)	1 year	This cookie is set by GDPR Cookie Consent plugin. The cookies are used to store the user consent for the cookies in the category "Necessary." It does not store any personal data. Stores the user's cookie consent for the current domain. Cookie Banner developed by WebToffee. Read <a href="#">WebToffee's Privacy Policy</a> .
cookieawinfo-checkbox-others	Persistent / HTTP Cookie (Functional)	1 year	The cookie is set by the GDPR Cookie Consent plugin and is used to store whether or not user has consented to the use of cookies. It does not store any personal data. Stores the user's cookie consent for the current domain. Cookie Banner developed by WebToffee. Read <a href="#">WebToffee's Privacy Policy</a> .
cookieawinfo-checkbox-functional	Persistent / HTTP Cookie (Functional)	1 year	The cookie is set by GDPR cookie consent to record the user consent for the cookies in the category "Functional".
cookieawinfo-checkbox-performance	Persistent / HTTP Cookie (Functional)	1 year	This cookie is set by GDPR Cookie Consent plugin. The cookie is used to store the user consent for the cookies in the category "Performance". It does not store any personal data. Stores the user's cookie consent for the current domain. Cookie Banner developed by WebToffee. Read <a href="#">WebToffee's Privacy Policy</a> .
viewed_cookie_policy	Persistent (Functional)	1 year	The cookie is set by the GDPR Cookie Consent plugin and is used to store whether or not user has consented to the use of cookies. It does not store any personal data. Cookie Banner developed by WebToffee. Read <a href="#">WebToffee's Privacy Policy</a> .

### Unnecessary Cookies

- **Analytics cookies** - These help us understand how our visitors interact with the website. It helps us understand the number of visitors, where the visitors are coming from, and the pages they navigate. The cookies collect this data and are reported anonymously.

- **Performance cookies:** These cookies enable us to monitor and improve the performance of our website. For example, they allow us to count visits, identify traffic sources and see which parts of the site are most popular.

Cookie	Type	Duration	Description

- **Marketing Cookies:** These cookies are used to track visitors across websites. The intention is to display advertisements that are relevant and engaging for the individual user and thereby more valuable for publishers and third-party advertisers.

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