



Privacy Policy

1. Introduction

Ethical Edge Finance Pty Ltd (EEF)(ACN 677 401 482) and its wholly owned subsidiaries or franchisees (we, our, us, EEF) recognise the importance of protecting the privacy and the rights of individuals concerning their personal information. This document is our combined Privacy and Credit Reporting Policy (Policy) and describes how we will comply with our obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act) about the handling of your personal information, including following the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs), as well as how we comply with the credit reporting obligations contained in the Privacy Act and the Credit Reporting Code as registered under section 26S(1) of the Privacy Act.

2. What types of information are covered by this policy?

EEF is collecting your personal information to provide you with the products and / or services you have requested from us. Some of the personal information we request is required by credit laws and regulations. If you don't provide your personal information, we may not be able to process your quote or your application for the products or services that you have requested.

2.1 Personal Information

This Policy sets out how we manage your "personal information". Certain parts of this Policy also apply specifically to "credit-related information". Section 7 of this Policy sets out these credit-specific obligations in more detail.

When used in this Policy, the term "personal information" has the meaning given to it in the Privacy Act. In general terms, it is any information that can be used to personally identify you. This may include your name, address, telephone number, email address and profession or occupation. If the information we collect personally identifies you, or you are reasonably identifiable from it, the information will be considered personal information.

2.2 Credit-related information

In this Policy, the term "credit-related information" means credit information, credit eligibility information and credit reporting body (CRB) derived information as those terms are defined in the Privacy Act. Generally speaking, credit-related information will include your name and address, your contact details, your date of birth and gender, details of your credit history (including any repayments missed or late repayments that you have made), information about any credit provided to you by credit providers (such as financial institutions, utilities or telecommunications providers), any credit rating or credit assessment score that we have

derived or that is provided to us by a credit reporting body and details of any credit-related court proceedings or insolvency applications that relate to you.

2.3 Recorded calls

We also may call you to progress your quote, obtain further information from you and process your application for products or services that you have requested.

All your calls with us may be recorded by EEF to improve our service and for training and monitoring purposes. Any personal information, including sensitive information, you provide over the phone or otherwise, will be handled under this Privacy Policy.

3. What kinds of personal information do we collect and hold?

3.1 EFF's Privacy Collection Statement

EFF collects, uses, holds and discloses your personal information (which includes your name, address, telephone and other contact details) to prepare and submit insurance and finance applications that you (or your related company or other entity) wish to make to it or the Financiers, insurers and other third parties that EFF deals with or act on behalf of. EFF also collects, uses, holds and discloses this information to prepare quotes for you, to assess which third-party products or services may be most suitable for you and, if your application is successful or you accept a quote, to manage the business or other relationship with you (or your related company or other entity) and to arrange payment for the products and services that are supplied. If you choose not to provide your personal information to us, EFF may not be able to accept any applications, provide any quotes or enter a business or other relationship with you (or your related company or other entity).

Where relevant, EFF discloses your personal information to financiers, insurers and other third parties that EFF acts for or on behalf of, EFF may also disclose your personal information to its related companies, contractors, third-party service providers, agents, government bodies and local authorities. EFF may also disclose your personal information to entities located outside of Australia.

3.2 The kinds of personal information

We typically collect the following types of personal information about you:

- name.
- mailing or street address.
- email address.
- telephone number.

- facsimile number.
- age or birth date.
- Medicare number, driver's licence number, tax file number and passport number (which may also include the other details that appear on your Medicare card, driver's licence and passport if supplied according to our identity verification systems and processes).
- profession, occupation or job title, together with other relevant employment details (such as your salary).
- information about your source(s) of income and your expenditure details.
- information about your assets and liabilities.
- details of the products and services you have acquired from us or which you have enquired about, together with any additional information necessary to deliver those services and to respond to your enquiries.
- any additional information relating to you that you provide to us through our website, applications or other online means (including personal information which may be collected via cookies and other online technologies and methods used as discussed in section 9 of this Policy such as information about the devices on which you visit us or other third-party networks, and your activities on those devices or sites).
- third-party account details (for example where you sign in through a social network).
- your public social profile information (e.g. name, profile picture) together with the email address you use to log into your social media account.
- any other information that you provide to us in person, including at our offices or during visits by our representatives.
- The personal information you may provide to us if you are applying for employment with us that is relevant to such employment (such as your qualifications and work history); and
- The personal information you may provide to us if you participate in any surveys, we, or a third-party service provider acting on our behalf, may conduct from time to time including personal information relating to your survey responses.

3.3 Sensitive Information

Some of the personal information we collect or hold about you as described in section 3.1 of this Policy, such as health records that appear on your driver's licence, your tax file number or your passport number, may be classified as 'sensitive information' under the Privacy Act. We only collect or hold such sensitive information to the extent it is reasonably necessary for one or more of our functions or activities. You expressly provide your consent to providing us with

this sensitive information so that we may carry out one or more of our functions or activities related to that collection.

Sometimes you may provide sensitive information to us if you are applying to work with us (for example you may disclose your voluntary work in a church group). We will only collect, use and disclose sensitive information about you in the course of considering an employment application subject to obtaining your prior specific consent at the relevant time.

3.4 Personal information you provide about someone else

We might also ask you to provide us with personal information about another person, for example:

- personal and financial information about a joint applicant for any finance you are seeking.
- the name and contact details of your accountant; and
- where we ask you for a personal or trade reference, the name and contact details of your referee and their relationship to you.

If you provide us with personal information about another person, you should tell that person about this policy and let them know that their information has been provided to us.

3.5 Information that is not personal

We may also collect some information that is not personal because it does not identify you or anyone else. For example, we may collect anonymous answers to surveys or aggregated information about how users use our website. This Policy does not apply to such information.

4. How do we collect and hold your personal information?

4.1 Collecting personal information directly from you

Generally, we collect your personal information directly from you unless it is unreasonable or impracticable to do so. When collecting personal information from you, we may collect it in ways including:

- through your access and use of our website and online applications.
- via e-mail and documentation provided to us electronically, in person, by mail or by fax.
- over the telephone or during conversations between you and our representatives; or
- when you complete a finance application, whether on our website or via telephone.
- All your calls with us may be recorded by EEF to improve our service and for training and monitoring purposes. Any personal information, including sensitive information, you provide over the phone or otherwise, will be handled following our Privacy Policy.

4.2 Collecting personal information directly from third parties and group companies

- We may also collect personal information about you from third parties including:
- entities that provide services to us (such as providers of identity verification services).
- any third party who refers you to us.
- your accountant, any referees you provide, or we request and any joint applicants for finance.
- your nominated referees and former employer if you are applying for a role with us.
- from third-party companies such as credit reporting bodies, providers of title search services, law enforcement agencies and other government entities

4.3 How we hold your personal information

We hold information in paper-based files or other electronic record-keeping methods in secure physical and online databases (including trusted third-party storage and service providers such as Salesforce based in Australia and the United States (as further detailed in section 11)).

We take reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information and credit-related information that we collect, use and disclose about you is accurate, completely up-to-date and, about the purpose of our use or disclosure, relevant. Personal information and credit-related information are destroyed or de-identified when no longer needed or where we are no longer required by law to retain it (whichever is the latter).

We have implemented controls around technology and our organisational processes to assist us in protecting your information from misuse, interference loss and unauthorised access, modification or disclosure. This includes having in place confidentiality requirements for employees and contractors, as well as implementing document storage security policies, document retention policies and systems and site access restrictions.

5. Dealing with us anonymously and what happens if we can't collect your personal information?

5.1 Can you deal with us anonymously?

We will provide individuals with the opportunity to remain anonymous or use a pseudonym in their dealings with us where it is lawful and practicable (for example, when making a general enquiry over the phone to us). However, generally, it is not practicable for us to deal with individuals anonymously or pseudonymously on an ongoing basis. If we do not collect

personal information about you, you may be unable to use our services or products (as further detailed in 5.2 below).

5.2 What happens if we can't collect your personal information?

- If you do not provide us with the personal information described above, some or all the following may happen:
- we may not be able to provide any products or services to you, either to the same standard or at all.
- we may not be able to provide you with information about products or services that you may want, including information about special promotions; or
- we may be unable to tailor the content of our website to your preferences and your experience of our website may not be as enjoyable or useful.

6. For what purposes do we collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information?

We collect personal information about you so that we can perform our business activities and functions and provide the best possible quality of customer service to you.

We generally collect, hold, use and disclose personal information for the purpose for which you provided it, the purposes disclosed in this Policy and/or in any specific collection statement, any related secondary purposes which you would reasonably expect and for any other purpose you have consented to.

Typically, we collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information for the following purposes:

- to send communications to you, including when apply for and updates concerning the status of your application for finance or insurance as well as provide you access to our website and secure web services to enable these communications.
- for identity verification. This may involve the information being checked with the document issuer or official record holder.
- to prepare quotes or estimates for you for any finance insurance or other products that we provide or which we can arrange.
- to assess which financier that we act for is best suited to meet your financial objectives and requirements and subsequently prepare, submit and advise on the outcomes of applications for finance or insurance on your behalf to the financiers and insurers that we deal with or who we act on behalf of.

- if your application is successful or you accept a quote that we provide, to manage the provision of finance, insurance and other products for you over the life of your contract as well as updating our records and keep your contact details up to date from time to time.
- to answer enquiries and provide information or general advice about existing and new products and services.
- to conduct business processing functions including providing existing or updated personal information to our related bodies corporate, contractors, service providers or other third parties.
- to process and respond to any complaint made by you; and
- to comply with any law, rule, regulation, lawful and binding determination, decision or direction of a regulator, or in co-operation with any governmental authority.

7. Credit Reporting Policy

7.1 Introduction

This section 7 is our credit reporting policy. We may provide consumer credit and/or commercial credit to individuals (including as agents for our financiers), and this policy will apply in such circumstances. We may conduct (or our financiers may conduct) a credit check on you and any joint account holders (or for corporate customers, any directors, partners or other authorised representatives) before credit is provided to you.

The Privacy Act and this policy do not apply to commercial credit provided to companies or other entities. However, this policy will apply where an individual applies for commercial credit or we or our financiers request that a director or other authorised individual guarantee the commercial credit to be provided by us to a company or other entity. This policy will only apply in respect of any uses of individuals' credit-related information as part of any assessment of the creditworthiness of that individual that we or our financiers undertake and any consideration that we or our financiers undertake concerning an individual's suitability as a guarantor.

7.2 Collection of credit-related information

In addition to collecting personal information about you, we may collect the following types of credit-related information about you:

- your name and address (including previous addresses).
- your contact details (including telephone and email addresses).
- your date of birth and gender.

- your credit history, credit rating or credit assessment score provided by a credit reporting body (including account conduct both positive and negative such as any repayments missed or late repayments that you have made).
- details of any credit provided to you by other credit providers (such as other financial institutions, utilities or telecommunications providers).
- details of any credit-related court proceedings or insolvency applications that relate to you; and
- any other personal information or credit-related information reasonably required for determining whether we or our financiers will provide any credit to you (or to your related company or other entity).

We may obtain this information from you or third parties, including from credit reporting bodies and other credit providers, to assist us in determining whether we or our financiers will provide any credit to you (or to your related company or other entity).

7.3 Our use and disclosure of your credit-related information

We may use the credit-related information that is collected and held by us to help us and our financiers decide whether or not to provide credit to you (or to your related company or other entity).

The credit reporting bodies that we deal with include, but are not limited to, Equifax Pty Ltd and Dun & Bradstreet Inc. (Trading as illion Data Registries)

You may contact Equifax by:

- telephone on ([13 83 32](tel:138332)); or
- online at <https://www.equifax.com.au/contact>.
- Equifax's credit reporting policy is available at <https://www.equifax.com.au/credit-reporting-policy>

You may contact illion by:

- telephone on ([13 23 33](tel:132333)); or
- online at <https://www.illion.com.au/contact-us/>
- illion's credit reporting policy is available at <https://www.illion.com.au/illion-credit-reporting-policy-australia/>

You have a right to obtain a copy of the credit reporting policies of any credit reporting bodies that EEF disclose your credit-related information, and you can contact them directly using the contact details set out above to obtain a copy in an alternative format.

You also have a right to request that a credit-related body not use or disclose credit reporting information they hold about you in circumstances where you reasonably believe that you have been or are likely to be a victim of fraud, including identity-related fraud. You can make such a request to any of the credit reporting bodies listed above.

The credit-related information that we hold about you may be used by us per Part IIIA of the Privacy Act and the Credit Reporting Code. The purposes for which we use your credit-related information may include:

- using your credit-related information to assess any application that you make to us or our financiers for credit (or which is made by your related company or other entity).
- using your credit-related information to collect payments that are owed to us or our financiers in respect of any credit that we or our financiers have previously provided to you (or to your related company or other entity).
- disclosing your credit-related information to any of our related companies that are also considering whether to provide credit to you (or to your related company or other entity).
- where you have offered to guarantee credit that we or our financiers have offered to provide to your related company or entity, to assess your suitability as a guarantor of that credit.
- disclosing your credit-related information to a third party that you or we ask to act as a guarantor of any credit provided to you; disclosing your credit-related information to the credit reporting bodies that we deal with, including but not limited to Equifax Pty Ltd and Dun & Bradstreet Inc. Credit reporting bodies collect different types of credit-related information about individuals and use that information to provide a credit-related service to their customers (including to us).
- if you fail to meet your payment obligations about credit provided by us or if you commit a serious credit infringement we may be entitled to disclose this to credit reporting bodies including but not limited to Equifax Pty Ltd and Dun & Bradstreet Inc.;
- disclosing your credit-related information to our financiers in connection with any credit that you seek.
- disclosing your credit-related information to other third parties that provide services to us (or to you on our behalf). These might include debt collectors, credit management

agencies and other third parties that process applications for credit made to us or that provide identity verification services to us.

- disclosing your credit-related information to other credit providers that provide, or are considering providing, credit to you (or to your related company or other entity).
- using and disclosing credit-related information that we hold about you to assess and respond to any access or correction requests that you make to us.
- where we are consulted by a credit reporting body or another credit provider about an access or correction request that you have made to those entities, to respond to that consultation request.
- where you complain to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner or any provider of a recognised external dispute resolution scheme about our treatment of your credit-related information, to respond to that complaint and to seek legal or other professional advice concerning your complaint.
- using and disclosing credit-related information that we hold about you as required by law or the order of a court or tribunal; and where you otherwise expressly consent to the use or disclosure.

7.4 Other matters relating to your credit-related information

Where required by law, we will make a written note (which may be kept in electronic form) of any use or disclosure that we make relating to your credit-related information. If:

- you (or your related company or other entity) make an application for credit to us; or
- you offer to guarantee credit that we propose to provide to your related company or other entity,

and we subsequently refuse your application or offer based on information provided to us by a credit reporting body about you, we will inform you of this and provide you with the name and contact details of that body and any other information required by law to be provided to you.

7.5 Access and correction

You have a right to request access to, or the correction of, any credit-related information that we hold about you. You may request access to any credit-related information that we hold about you following section 12 of this policy.

8. Direct marketing

8.1 What is the purpose of our direct marketing?

We may use or disclose your personal information for direct marketing including:

- to share your information within EEF Finance (including with our related body corporates and franchisees) and other select companies, so that our other divisions and businesses may also contact you or offer you complimentary or other products and services including in the manner described within section 9 of this Policy including more relevant advertising content.
- for the administrative, marketing (including direct marketing), planning, product or service development, quality control and research purposes of us and our related bodies corporate, contractors or service providers.
- to assist the performance of, and to improve, any marketing and advertising campaigns that we conduct (including on behalf of our financiers or other business partners) as well as assessing the performance of our website; We undertake this direct marketing following applicable marketing laws, such as the Spam Act 2003 (Cth), and APP 7 which relates to direct marketing.

Typically, we may send you direct marketing communications and information about our products and services (or those of our financiers) that we consider may be of interest to you. These communications may be sent in various forms, including mail, SMS, fax and email or in the form of targeted content and offerings as described in section 9.

You expressly acknowledge and agree that we may also share or disclose your personal information to other third-party entities so that they may conduct direct marketing directly with you (for example in the manner described in described in section 9).

8.2 How do I opt out of direct marketing communications?

If you indicate a preference for a method of communication, we will endeavour to use that method whenever practical to do so. If we do commence sending any direct marketing to you, you may amend or opt out of receiving marketing communications from us by:

- using the unsubscribe process available within email communications or emailing hello@ethicaledgefinance.com.au
- Changing your communication preferences within the preference centre accessible via email communications
- Calling our customer service number **02 91111111**

9. Our website and online applications

9.1 Application of this policy to our website and online applications

This policy also applies to any websites that we operate from time to time, including our websites at EEFfinance.com.au and EEF.com.au (and any sub-domains of those websites). This policy will cover any personal and credit-related information you provide to us using any of our websites.

9.2 How do EEF Finance and linked sites record my activity and use it?

When you visit one of our websites or use one of our applications, or in response to a survey, promotion or competition, EEF and other third-party entities typically record anonymous information such as IP address, time, date, referring URL, and other referral information, device information and location, carrier, site interactions such as your access to website features, pages accessed, content, searching activities, lead submission, and files accessed and downloaded, type of browser and operating system, and other clickstream information.

Such information collected by us may be linked to other information we hold about a user, compiling a complete profile about the user's browsing, purchasing and other activities. This data may be used by us and shared with other third parties to categorise a user and provide personalised offers, marketing and advertising. Activity data may be shared with advertisers for these purposes where the user is already a customer of the advertiser.

EEF may use third-party advertising applications and companies to collect data and/or serve ads when you visit one of our websites or applications. These companies may use information (not including your name, address, email address or telephone number) about your visits to websites and other media to provide advertisements about goods and services of interest to you. If you would like more information about this practice and to know your choices about not having this information used by these companies, visit <http://networkadvertising.org/>.

9.3 Cookies and other online behavioural technologies and methods

We use "cookies" and other online behavioural technologies and methods to collect and store the information set out above. A cookie is a small file that stays on your computer or other device until, depending on whether it is a sessional or persistent cookie, you turn your computer off or it expires (this may be as little as 30 days or up to 2 years or longer in some cases).

Cookies may be used by us or by service providers engaged by us to provide you with the full range of services it offers, remember your preferences, remember the sites you visit, measure

and analyse usage of our websites and for security. As this information does not constitute personal information, the Privacy Act is not applicable, and we may use this information for any lawful purpose. We use both session ID cookies and persistent cookies, first-party cookies (such as Analytics Services described below) and third-party cookies (such as Adobe Analytics). Persistent cookies may be used to identify the sites you visit on third-party sites and to personalise the advertising that you see when you make future visits to those sites or other sites or platforms. Cookie data and other data may be sold, licensed or otherwise provided to third parties via advertising exchanges or other data-sharing platforms for this purpose.

If you do not wish to receive any cookies you may adjust your browser (such as Firefox, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer or Safari) to either prompt or refuse cookies. If you disable cookies, we may not be able to provide you with our full range of products and services and not all the functions on our websites and applications will be available to you.

One of the sites that let you control what information is collected about you is Your Online Choices (www.youronlinechoices.com.au).

9.4 Security

As our websites and applications are linked to the internet, and the internet is inherently insecure, we cannot provide any assurance regarding the security of transmission of information you communicate to us online. Where appropriate, we use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology to encrypt the transmission of information to us. However, we cannot guarantee that the information you supply will not be intercepted while being transmitted over the Internet. Accordingly, any personal information or other information that you transmit to us online is transmitted at your own risk.

9.5 Links

Our website may contain links to other websites operated by third parties (Linked Sites). The operators of Linked Sites may collect personal information using cookies and otherwise. We make no representations or warranties about the privacy practices of any Linked Sites, and we are not responsible for the privacy policies or the content of any Linked Sites. Third-party websites are responsible for informing you about their privacy practices.

10. Who do we disclose your information to?

- We may disclose your personal information and credit-related information to:
- our financiers, including any financiers that we act as agent for; where your relationship with us involves the sale or purchase of a vehicle, to any insurers,

vehicle dealerships and private sellers of vehicles in connection with that business (including in connection with the issuing of any invoices).

- our employees, related bodies corporate, contractors or service providers for the operation of our website or our business, fulfilling requests by you, and otherwise provide services to you including, without limitation, web hosting providers, IT systems administrators, mailing houses, couriers, payment processors, data entry service providers, electronic network administrators, debt collectors, identity verification service providers and professional advisors such as accountants, solicitors, business advisors and consultants.
- to each of the entities and other third-party providers set out in section 9 so they:
 - may offer you a more personalised experience when you visit one of our websites or applications, including to offer you more relevant advertising content.
- to credit reporting bodies as set out in section 7.3 or as otherwise permitted under the Privacy Act and the Credit Reporting Code as registered under section 26S(1) of the Privacy Act.
- to better personalise the products and services offered to you by us or any entities.
- suppliers and other third parties with whom we have commercial relationships, for business, process outsourcing, identity verification, marketing, and related purposes; and
- any organisation for any authorised purpose with your express consent, or to comply with any law, rule, regulation, lawful and binding determination, decision or direction of a regulator, or in co-operation with any governmental authority.

Once we disclose your personal information to a third party, your personal information will be governed following the relevant third party's privacy policy.

We may combine or share any information that we collect from you with information collected by any of our related bodies corporate or any other third party as described in this Privacy Policy, a collection statement or otherwise permitted by under the Privacy Act.

11. Do we disclose your information to anyone outside Australia?

We may from time to time disclose your personal information to an entity located in another country where we are permitted to do so under the Privacy Act.

For example, we may disclose personal information and credit-related information to our financiers, our related bodies corporate and our third-party suppliers and service providers to entities located outside of Australia:

- including to our data hosting providers and to other IT service providers, some of whom are located in the United States of America (such as Salesforce).

Unless we reasonably believe the overseas recipient is subject to a law or binding scheme substantially like the APPs, we will take reasonable steps where practicable in the circumstances to ensure that the overseas recipient does not breach the relevant APPs concerning your personal information.

However, this may not always be achievable and therefore you expressly consent to the collection, processing, use, disclosure, transfer and storage of your personal information outside of Australia where we are not able to ensure the recipient's compliance with the APPs when acquiring our products or services or providing us with your personal information. We are required to inform you about this consent that if an overseas recipient handles your personal information in breach of the APPs, the entity will not be accountable under the Privacy Act and you will not be able to seek redress under the Privacy Act. If you do not wish to provide this consent, please contact our Compliance Officer using the contact details set out in Section 14.

12. How can you access and correct your personal information?

You may request access to any personal information or credit-related information we hold about you at any time by contacting us (see the details below). Where we hold information that you are entitled to access, we will try to provide you with suitable means of accessing it (for example, by mailing or emailing it to you). We may charge you a reasonable fee to cover our administrative and other reasonable costs in providing the information to you. We will not charge for simply making the request and will not charge for making any corrections to your personal information.

There may be instances where we cannot grant you access to the personal information or credit-related information we hold. For example, we may need to refuse access if granting access would interfere with the privacy of others or if it would result in a breach of confidentiality. If that happens, we will give you written reasons for any refusal.

If you believe that any personal information or credit-related information we hold about you is incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate, then you may request us to amend it. We will consider if the information requires amendment. If we do not agree that there are grounds for amendment, then we will add a note to the personal information stating that you disagree with it.

For any credit-related information that we hold about you, we will:

- respond to your request for the correction of your credit-related information within 30 days (or such longer period as you may agree, or we may request). If we cannot respond to your correction request without consulting with other credit providers or credit reporting bodies about your request, we may do so, and these bodies are permitted by law to assist us in resolving your correction request.
- if we agree to your request, promptly correct any credit-related information that we hold about you that we are satisfied is inaccurate, out-of-date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading. If we do correct your credit-related information at your request, we will inform you and each other credit provider and credit reporting body to which we have previously disclosed that information that we have corrected your information. If we disclosed your credit-related information after you made a complaint but before it was resolved, we will tell the recipient that you have made such a complaint, and we will subsequently inform that entity of the outcome of your correction request; and
- if we have any other reasons for suspecting that the credit-related information that we hold about you has become inaccurate, out-of-date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading, independently correct this information without consulting you. If we do this, we will take reasonable steps to notify that correction to you and any other entities to which we have previously disclosed that credit-related information (unless it is impracticable for us to do so).

13. What is the process for complaining about a breach of privacy?

If you believe that your privacy has been breached, please contact us using the contact information below and provide written details of the incident so that we can investigate it.

If your complaint relates to our failure to provide access to or to correct any credit-related information that we hold about you, you may complain directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (for more information, please see [oaic.gov.au](https://www.oaic.gov.au)) or to Credit and Investments Ombudsman Limited, who is our independent external dispute resolution provider and can also deal with complaints relating to credit-related information.

Otherwise, if you have a complaint about our handling of your credit-related information that is not mentioned above or if your complaint relates to your Personal Information, you must first lodge your complaint with us using the details in section 14 (Contacting us) below and provide us with details of the incident so that we can investigate it.

We have a detailed internal dispute resolution policy (Dispute Policy), which will apply to investigating and dealing with any privacy breaches. Please contact us (using the details below) to obtain a copy of this policy. However, if you make a complaint with us following this section 13 about privacy, we will acknowledge receipt of your complaint, and try to investigate and respond to you by our Dispute Policy within 30 days. If the matter is more complex or our investigation under our Dispute Policy may take longer, we will let you know.

We will treat your complaint confidentially. Our representative will contact you within a reasonable time after receipt of your complaint to discuss your concerns and outline options regarding how they may be resolved. We will aim to ensure that your complaint is resolved in a timely and appropriate manner.

If you are not satisfied with our handling of your complaint or our proposed resolution, you have a right to lodge a further complaint with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (for more information, please see [oaic.gov.au](https://www.oaic.gov.au)). The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner can provide you with further information about the next steps in its complaints process. If your complaint relates to credit-related information that we hold about you, you may instead lodge your further complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (for more information, please see [afca.org.au](https://www.afca.org.au)).

Where your complaint relates to the correction of your credit-related information and the resolution of your complaint requires us to correct your information, we will inform each other credit provider and credit reporting body that we have previously disclosed your information to that you have made a correction complaint concerning that information and that we have corrected your information as a result of the outcome of that complaint. However, if it is impracticable or illegal for us to do so we are not required by law to give this notification.

14. Financiers

For more information on how the Financiers collect, hold, use and disclose your information, you should see their privacy policies

15. Contacting us

If you have any questions about this policy, any concerns or a complaint regarding the treatment of your privacy or a possible breach of your privacy, please use the contact link on our website or contact our Compliance Officer using the details set out below. We will treat your requests or complaints confidentially. Our representative will contact you within a reasonable time after receipt of your

complaint to discuss your concerns and outline options regarding how they may be resolved. We will aim to ensure that your complaint is resolved in a timely and appropriate manner.

Please contact our Compliance Officer at: hello@ethicaledgefinance.com.au

16. Changes to our privacy and credit reporting policy

We may change this privacy and credit reporting policy from time to time. Any updated versions of this policy will be posted on our website and will be effective from the date of posting.

This policy was last updated on 124th May 2024