

# Cookies

## Use of cookies

This website uses cookies to better the user's experience while visiting the website. Cookies are small files saved to the user's computer hard drive that track, save and store information about the user's interactions and usage of the website. This allows the website, through its server, to provide the users with a tailored experience within this website.

## Types of cookies

Cookies can be categorised, based on their lifespan, as either Session Cookies or Persistent Cookies. Session Cookies are temporary and are deleted once the user closes their browser. Persistent Cookies will usually remain in one of the user's browser's subfolders, pending manual deletion or deletion by the browser on expiry of the cookie.

## How to control cookies

Where applicable this website uses a cookie control system allowing the user on their first visit to the website to allow or disallow the use of cookies on their computer/device. This complies with recent legislation requirements for websites to obtain explicit consent from users before leaving behind or reading files such as cookies on a user's computer/device.

Users are advised that if they wish to deny the use and saving of cookies from this website on to their computer's hard drive, they should take necessary steps within their web browser's security settings to block all cookies from this website and from third parties. The browser's 'Help' function should contain information on how to set these preferences.

Please note that if you choose not to accept cookies from our website, some sections may not work properly.

You may wish to visit [www.aboutcookies.org](http://www.aboutcookies.org) for further information about cookies, how to block them on a variety of browsers and how to delete them.

## Our cookies

The main cookies used by this website are:

Cookie name	Purpose	Session/persistent	Expire	More information
DYNSRV	Tracks which web server to send the visitor to. Improves the performance of the website.  No personal information is stored.	Session	When the session is closed.	
_gat_gtag_UA_	These cookies are set by Google Analytics which is a simple tool that helps us measure how users interact with our website. As a user navigates between web pages, Google Analytics records information about the page a user has visited, for example the URL of the page. The cookies themselves	Persistent	1 minute	<a href="https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en">https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en</a>

	are used to 'remember' what a user has done on previous pages and interactions with our website.			
_ga	Google Analytics: Used to distinguish users.	Persistent	2 years	<a href="https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en">https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en</a>
_gid	Google Analytics: Used to distinguish users.	Persistent	24 hours	<a href="https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en">https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en</a>
cookie_notice_accepted	Placed when the user accepts the 'We use cookies to ensure that we give you the best experience on our website. If you continue to use this site we will assume that you are happy with it' message. When you click on the 'I agree' button we have to set an additional cookie that will stop the information message from displaying. This cookie remembers your choice and prevents the message from displaying again until the cookie is deleted.	Persistent	30 days, if the user accepts it and clicks 'ok'.	
viewed_cookie_policy	Remembers whether a visitor has accepted the cookie policy on the website.	Persistent	1 year from the time of creation (expires 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018)	
CloudFlare, _cfduid and real_accessibility	Set by the CloudFlare service to identify trusted web traffic. It does not correspond to any user ID in the web application, nor does it store any personally identifiable information.  real_accessibility is placed by the accessibility plugin which allows users to change font size and colour by plugin and _cfduid cookie from responsivevoice.org by the same plugin.	Persistent	1 year	<a href="https://www.cloudflare.com/security-policy/">https://www.cloudflare.com/security-policy/</a>  <a href="https://responsivevoice.org/">https://responsivevoice.org/</a>
WordPress	For when admin users login. Registered members need a cookie to be able to log in. This is 'strictly necessary' as WordPress will not work without it.	Persistent	22/23 January 2019	<a href="https://automattic.com/privacy/">https://automattic.com/privacy/</a>

## Other cookies

Other cookies may be stored to your computer's hard drive by third parties, for example when this website uses referral programs, sponsored links, adverts or social media. We do not control these cookies and you should check the relevant third party websites for more information about them.

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