



Cookie Policy – silvestor.org.uk

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Who we are

The Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF) is the UK's Royal Chartered professional body offering the Chartered Forester and Chartered Arboriculturist titles.

silvestor.org.uk is an online e-learning platform, owned by the Institute of Chartered Foresters. This Cookie Policy relates solely to the Silvestor platform.

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1. Introduction

This Cookie Policy explains how the Institute of Chartered Foresters ("we", "us", "our") uses cookies on the online learning platform, Silvestor (silvestor.org.uk).

We are committed to protecting your personal data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the Data Protection Act 2018, and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR).

This Cookie Policy matters because it explains how Silvestor collects and stores information about users' activity on the site. This helps us be transparent about how data is used, such as remembering preferences, improving website performance, and understanding user behaviour, while ensuring users are informed about how their data may be tracked or processed.

This Cookie Policy should be read alongside the Silvestor [Privacy Policy](#).

2. What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device (computer, smartphone or other electronic device) when you visit our website. They help us:

- Ensure the website (and associated services) functions properly

- Improve website performance
- Remember your preferences
- Analyse how visitors use our website
- Provide secure member login functionality

3. Types of Cookies We Use

We use the following categories of cookies:

A. Necessary

These cookies are essential for the operation of our website and cannot be switched off. They help with things like logging in and setting your privacy preferences.

- MoodleSession – this cookie is used for providing continuity and maintaining the visitor login from page to page. Duration – length of session.

Legal basis: Legitimate interests (website functionality)

Consent required: No

B. Functional (Non-Essential)

These cookies help us understand how visitors interact with our website by collecting anonymous statistical data.

- MOODLEID – remembers your username in the browser. This means that when you return to this site, the username field on the login page is already filled in for you. It is safe to refuse this cookie – you will just have to retype your username each time you log in. Duration – one year, one month, four days.

Legal basis: Consent

Consent required: Yes

C. Analytics

These cookies collect anonymous information about how visitors use the platform, such as which pages are visited most, how long users stay, and how they arrived at the site. These cookies help us understand usage patterns and improve our service.

- _ga – distinguishes unique users by assigning a random ID. Duration – one year, one month, four days.
- _gid – tracks user behaviour and session information. Duration – one year, one month, four days.
- _gat – limits the number of requests sent to Google. Duration – one year, one month, four days.

Legal basis: Consent

Consent required: Yes

4. How We Obtain Consent

When you first visit the Silvestor website, you will see a cookie banner that:

- Explains our use of cookies
- Allows you to accept or reject non-essential cookies
- Enables you to manage preferences

Non-essential cookies are not set unless you provide explicit consent.

You may withdraw or modify your consent at any time by clicking the cookie icon at the bottom left of Silvestor website pages.

6. Managing Cookies

You can control cookies by:

- Using the website cookie settings tool
- Adjusting your browser settings
- Deleting cookies via your browser

Please note that disabling certain cookies may affect website functionality.

7. Changes to this Policy

We may update this Cookie Policy from time to time. Any changes will be posted on this page with a revised 'Last updated' date.

8. Contact Us

If you have any questions about this Cookie Policy please contact:

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If you are not satisfied with our response, you may contact the UK supervisory authority:

Information Commissioner's Office

Website: <https://ico.org.uk>

Helpline: 0303 123 1113