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## **GACC GO J1 VISA PROGRAM DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY POLICY**

This data privacy notice is given in connection with the processing of your personal data for the GACC Go J1 visa program. The GACC online service is committed to protecting the privacy of our users. We want to provide a safe and secure user experience in compliance with applicable laws and regulations – particularly the EU General Data Protection Regulation GDPR. We will ensure that the information you submit to our website at [www.go-j1.com](http://www.go-j1.com) will only be used for policy purposes.

To read our general Data Privacy Statement regarding the information we collect on our website, please click [here](#).

Controller pursuant to Article 3 (2) in connection with Article 27 GDPR is:

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### **What information we collect and how we use it**

Through the visa application process, we collect the following data: Personal details, CV, educational status, passport scans, health insurance status, German residence permit (if applicable), criminal record, past visa applications. This information will be stored and used by us for the following purposes:

1. Compiling your personal information into a comprehensive visa application to submit to the relevant US authorities,
2. Contacting you during the program regarding health and safety issues,
3. Contacting you during the program regarding cultural events.

Your data will be processed outside of the EU, namely in the US.

The provisioning of your data is carried out by means of an online web application. Confidentiality, integrity (inviolability), authenticity (genuineness) and availability of personal data can therefore not be guaranteed.

### **Legal Basis**

As the process might include sensitive data, the collection, storage and usage of your information is based on your explicit consent given during the application process pursuant to Article 6 (1) a) GDPR. Where no sensitive data is concerned, it is based on its necessity for the fulfillment of the GACC Visa service contract, Article 6 (1) b) GDPR.

### **Disclosures of your information**

Your information will be shared with all relevant US authorities. These are: State Dept., Homeland Security, USCIS, Social Security Administration, Dept. of Labor, Customs and Border Protection, DMV. It will also be shared with Krankikom GmbH which provides the data management platform to compile your application information and contact you in the process. Krankikom GmbH is compliant with the GDPR. Their privacy statement can be read [here](#). We may release your information to regulatory or law enforcement authorities, if we are required to do so.



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### **Storage period**

Your data will be stored for three years after the program completion as required by US law. After this, we may store and use parts of your information, namely the duration of your stay, your contact info and your host company for statistical purposes and to do alumni outreach.

### **Objecting to data processing**

You can object to the processing of your data and request a full deletion at any time by contacting us via e-mail. Please note that we will not be able to provide any further visa application services to you without your data.

### **Your rights as a data subject**

You have the following rights according to the EU General Data Protection Regulation:

If your personal data is processed, you have the right to obtain information regarding the storage of your personal data (Article 15 GDPR). If incorrect personal data is processed, you have the right to correction of such (Article 16 GDPR). If legal requirements are given, you have the right to request the deletion or limitation of processing, and you have the right to object to such processing (Articles 17, 18 and 21 GDPR). In the event of an objection, we will no longer be able to reach you as our member, and membership with our organization will be terminated. Since data processing is based on a contract, and since data processing is carried out via automated processes, you have a right to data portability where applicable (Article 20 GDPR). Should you exercise your above-mentioned rights, the GACC will review whether statutory requirements are met.

Please contact your GACC – New York to exercise your rights: [dataprivacy@gaccny.com](mailto:dataprivacy@gaccny.com).

### **Other websites**

Please note that clicking on to links and banner advertisements may result in a transferal to another website, where data privacy practices may be different than GACC's. Visitors should review the other websites' privacy policies since we hold neither accountability nor responsibility for any information submitted to these third parties.

### **Changes to our Privacy Policy**

The privacy policy may be changed by the GACC at any time. If we change our privacy policy in the future, we will disclose those changes here and, if practicable, via email. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns about the GACC's online privacy policy, please feel free to e-mail us at [dataprivacy@gaccny.com](mailto:dataprivacy@gaccny.com).

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