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#### 1. Definitions

1. When the following words, in bold and with capital letters, are used in these **Terms**, this is what they will mean:

**Credit File**: the information **we** hold about **you**, which **we** describe in more detail in the "Your Credit File" section at paragraph 4 below;

**Products**: the Equifax products **you** may purchase from **us** and which are listed at paragraph 6 below as well as any other products you have purchased from us where we told you that these **Terms** apply;

Terms: the terms and conditions set out in this document.

References to "we", "us" and "our" in these Terms are to Equifax Limited.
 References to "you" and "your" are references to you, the person who purchases one of our Products.

# 2. Your contract with Equifax

- 1. These are the **Terms** on which **we** supply **our Products** to **you**.
- 2. When **you** purchase one of **our Products**, **you** are agreeing to these **Terms** which form a binding contract between **you** and **us**. **We** recommend that **you** keep a record of these **Terms** for **your** future reference.
- 3. Please read these **Terms** carefully as they contain legal rights and obligations. In particular, **your** attention is drawn to paragraph 16 below "**Our** liability to **you**".
- 4. Once you have purchased a **Product**, it is important that **you** keep **your** contact details up to date in the "My Accounts" section of **our** website, in case **we** need to contact **you** in relation to any **Product you** have purchased or to notify **you** of any changes to these **Terms**. Changes to these **Terms** will take effect as indicated in any notifications **we** send to **you** from time to time, as set out in paragraph 19 below.

# 3. About Equifax

- We are Equifax Limited, a company registered in England and Wales under registered company number 2425920 with our registered office at 1 Angel Court, London, EC2R 7HJ.
- 2. **We** are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. **Our** registration details can be found on the Financial Services Register available on the Financial Conduct Authority's website, https://www.fca.org.uk/register.
- 3. **You** may contact **us** by post by writing to the Equifax Credit File Advice Centre, P.O. Box 10036, Leicester, LE3 4FS or by any of the other methods described in the "Contact Us" section of **our** website available here Contact Us.

## 4. Your Credit File

- We hold information about you which is used by lenders and other companies to make decisions about (for example) whether they will offer you credit or not. This information is your "Credit File".
- 2. **Your Credit File** includes information used to verify **your** identity, which may be collected from public sources such as the electoral roll.

- 3. **Your Credit File** also includes information relating to **your** financial standing, which **we** may have received from companies with whom **you** have a current or historic relationship, such as banks, telecoms providers and utility companies.
- 4. Accessing **your Credit File** will allow **you** to view the information that third parties such as lenders may see about **you** and review **your** financial commitments.
- 5. **We** provide **you** with a copy of **your Credit File** as part of all **our Products**, which are listed at paragraph 6 below.
- 6. You also have a statutory right to a copy of your Credit File, and we can provide you with access here: Online Statutory Report.
- 7. In order to fulfil your request for your Credit File, we will complete a search of our consumer database. A record of this search will be visible on your Credit File for 12 months. The search will not be visible to other companies who may access your Credit File during this period.

# 5. The Accuracy of Your Credit File

- 1. We will use reasonable skill and care in:
  - 1. Providing the services to **you** under these **Terms**;
  - 2. Performing a number of checks to try to validate the information **we** receive from third parties;
  - 3. Adding that information to your Credit File within a reasonable time; and
  - 4. Generating **your** credit score and applying the searches we perform correctly.
- 2. As your Credit File is principally comprised of information collected from third parties, for example as described at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 above, we have very limited control over whether the information provided to us by third parties is accurate, complete and up to date. This means that despite our obligations in paragraph 5.1, we do not assure you that the content of your Credit File will be accurate, complete or up-to-date.
- 3. If you consider that any entry in your Credit File is incorrect, you have a statutory right to request that the entry is amended or removed. If your query relates to a specific account, we suggest you speak to the account provider in the first instance. However if you would like us to raise the query with the account provider for you, please contact us with details of the entry that you consider to be incorrect and we will assist you in amending or removing the incorrect entry.
- 4. If, following a review of **your** request and by reference to the appropriate third party, **we** confirm that an entry is correct, **we** will not take steps to amend or remove it and **we** will let **you** know.

# 6. Our Products

1. **We** offer the following **Products**:

Equifax Credit Report and Score	Unlimited online access to <b>your</b> credit score.
	Unlimited online access to your Credit File.
	Weekly alerts whenever there are changes to your Credit File
	<ul> <li>Access to WebDetect, which alerts you if</li> </ul>

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Equifax Credit Report	<ul> <li>Unlimited online access to your Credit File.</li> <li>Weekly alerts whenever there are changes to your Credit File</li> <li>Access to WebDetect, which alerts you if we find your financial details are shared on websites used by fraudsters.</li> <li>Access to our dedicated Customer Care team.</li> </ul> For more information on this product please click here Equifax Credit Report
Equifax Identity Watch Pro	<ul> <li>Unlimited online access to your Credit File and credit score.</li> <li>Daily alerts whenever there are changes to your Credit File.</li> <li>Access to WebDetect, which alerts you if we find your financial details are shared on websites used by fraudsters.</li> <li>Access to Social Scan, which summarizes the publically available information about you on social media sites, and shows the identity theft risk associated with making this information publically available.</li> <li>Access to our dedicated Customer Care team.</li> </ul>
	For more information on this product please click here Equifax Identity Watch Pro
Statutory Credit Report  - Online Version	Online access to a snapshot of your Credit File, and access to our dedicated Customer Care team.
	For more information on this product please click here Your Statutory Credit Report

2. **Our Products** may be available on a regular subscription or one off basis, see the product descriptions listed in paragraph 6 for more information.

# 7. Registration

 To order a **Product**, **you** will need to complete the **Product** registration form on our website. **You** can access the applicable form by clicking on the link against the **Product you** wish to purchase at paragraph 6 above, and then follow the instructions to purchase the **Product**.

- 2. **Our Products** are only available to residents of the UK.
- If we accept your order for a Product, we will send you an automatic e-mail confirmation of acceptance to the e-mail address you provide to us during the registration process.
- 4. To access our Products, you will need to create a username and password. You agree to keep confidential the password and any other login details you use to access our Products and not to disclose such passwords and other login details to anyone else. If you know or suspect that someone else has your login details and password you must contact us immediately and change your password. We will not be responsible for any activity performed using your login details unless we have acted negligently or in breach of these Terms.
- 5. If **you** input any incorrect information during the registration process, please contact **us** to let us know as soon as possible and **we** will correct the error. Contact Us.

# 8. Price and payment

- To purchase a **Product** from **us**, **you** can pay by credit or debit card. By giving **us** your credit or debit card details, **you** agree that **we** have continuing authority to take
   the agreed regular payment from **your** credit or debit card for the **Product(s) you** have purchased on a subscription basis until **you** or **we** cancel **your** subscription to
   the **Product(s)** in accordance with these **Terms**.
- 2. We are entitled to change the amount of your subscription payment, provided that we send you an email setting out the new subscription price at least 30 days' notice prior to your next renewal date. During this notice period, you may exercise your right to cancel in accordance with paragraph 14 below.
- 3. If any payment that you owe us is declined, rejected or reversed for any reason, we will continue to provide you with access to your Product and will try to take monies owed for the Product for a total of 45 days. If after 45 days payment is still owed then we will cancel your access to the Product and you will not be required to pay the outstanding subscription charges owed by you in respect of the Product.
- 4. Monthly Subscription Products If you purchase any of our Products on a 30 day subscription basis, we will provide that Product to you for continual 30-day periods starting from the date that you purchase the Product. Your renewal date will be the date 30 days after the last renewal date, and your first renewal date shall be the date 30 days after the date you purchased the Product.
  We will continue to charge your credit or debit card on each renewal date at the relevant monthly rate for that Product unless you or we cancel your subscription to the Product in accordance with these Terms. If we have made the Product available to you for free for a promotional period, we will not charge your credit or debit card until the end of the promotional period.
- 5. The prices for **our Products** include VAT.
- 6. If your credit or debit card is nearing expiry and you have a continuing subscription for a **Product** with **us**, **your** card issuers will, where possible, update **us** with **your** new card details and payment will be taken from that card. This will ensure continued and uninterrupted use of **your Product**.
- 7. For security purposes, to receive **our Products** for no charge during a promotional period, **you** may be required to provide **your** credit or debit card details. No money will be taken from **you** until the end of the promotional period. Before **we** complete the

supply of the **Product** to **you**, **we** may also carry out a pre-authorisation check of **your** credit or debit card details, which requires **your** payment account to be in funds or credit of £1 – this may mean that during the trial period **you** will have £1 less available credit. **We** are not responsible for any charges or bank fees **you** may incur if **your** payment card account contains insufficient funds or credit.

## 9. Your obligations

- 1. **You** must ensure that all information **you** provide to **us** is accurate, clear and not misleading.
- 2. **You** are permitted to use the **Products you** purchase for **your** private and domestic use only, and **you** agree not to use **our Products** for any other purposes.
- 3. **You** must not without first getting **our** written permission: distribute, sell, publish or otherwise make a profit or income, from any of the information **we** make available to **you**.
- 4. You agree that you will not attempt to do anything that may harm or inhibit the proper working of our IT systems or our Products.

#### 10. Ownership of information

- 1. Except for **your** data protection rights in relation to how **we** use **your** personal information, **we** or **our** licensors own all copyright, trade mark rights and other rights to the **Products**, **our** databases, and all information contained on **our** website.
- 2. This means that **you** are permitted to use the **Products** and the information **we** provide to you (including on **our** website) only in accordance with these **Terms**. In particular, this requires **you** to comply with **your** obligations at paragraph 9 above.

#### 11. Access to information on behalf of someone else

- We make the Products and information on our website available to you for your own exclusive use. Other than in exceptional circumstances, you may not purchase any Products or the statutory Credit File on behalf of anyone else, even with their consent.
- Exceptional circumstances include when we are required by Court order, or you have been appointed to manage someone else's affairs under a power of attorney. If you wish to purchase any Products or the statutory Credit File on behalf of someone else, please contact us first.
- 3. If you raise a data dispute and/or make a complaint against us and ask a third party to manage the complaint on your behalf, and that complaint results in our amending your Credit File, we may send an updated Credit File to you or the third party you asked to manage the dispute.

#### 12. Our website

1. **We** make **our Products** available to **you** on our website. The **terms** and conditions applicable to the use of **our** website are available here Website Terms of Use and form part of **our** contract with **you**.

#### 13. Special offers and promotional codes

1. Each special offer or promotional code: (i) expires on the date stated; (ii) may only be used for the **Product** specified; (iii) can only be used by the person or persons specified; and (iv) has no monetary value, so cannot be redeemed for cash or for any refund. The special offer or promotional code may also contain other terms that

govern its use.

# 14. Your right to cancel and refunds

1. If you no longer wish to receive the **Product(s)** you have purchased from us, you may cancel your subscription at any time as follows:

#### **Monthly Subscription Products**

If you wish to cancel a **Product you** receive on a monthly subscription basis, you must call us on 0800 014 2955 between 9am – 5pm Mon to Fri (except from 4pm December 24th to 9am on December 27th) at least 24 hours prior to the next renewal date. If you miss this deadline, your **Product** will be cancelled at the end of the next renewal date, and you will be charged for that next 30 day period.

- 2. If **we** fail to comply with these **Terms** or are negligent in how we provide the **Products** to **you**, **you** may cancel **your** subscription to the **Product** immediately.
- 3. If a subscription is cancelled, **you** will no longer have access to **your Product** including historic credit reports.

# 15. Our right to suspend or cancel your subscription

- If we have reasonable grounds for suspecting you of fraud or using the Product in breach of your obligations under these Terms, we may suspend your access to the Product you have purchased. If we have reasonable grounds for suspecting you of fraud we may suspend your access to all Products you have purchased.
- We will use reasonable efforts to investigate and resolve whether or not you have acted fraudulently or used the Product in breach of these Terms within a reasonable period.
- 3. If, after suspending your access to the Products, we do not confirm fraud or breach of these Terms by you, we shall reinstate your access to the Products and the subscription period for which you have paid shall be extended by the period of the suspension.
- 4. If, after suspending **your** access to the **Products**, **we** confirm fraud or breach of these **Terms** by **you**, **we** may immediately on notice to **you** cancel **your** right to access the **Products** and **you** will not be entitled to a refund.

#### 16. Our liability to you

- 1. We are responsible for all loss and damage you suffer that is a foreseeable result of our breach of these Terms or our negligence. Loss or damage is foreseeable if it was an obvious consequence of our breach or if it would have been expected by you and us at the time we entered into this contract, if we had been asked what loss or damage would be suffered by you as a result of our breach of these Terms or our negligence.
- 2. Please see paragraph 5.2 for **our** liability for information **we** receive from third parties.
- 3. When we provide a Product to you including your credit score, any information we make available is for your guidance and information only and is not intended to replace independent professional advice. You will appreciate that third parties such as lenders who carry out searches of your Credit File will use their own criteria in making decisions about you. Unless we have acted in breach of these Terms or have been negligent, we do not accept any responsibility for any reliance you place or any action you take based on the services you receive from us, or for any actions taken or

decisions made by any third party based on the information in your Credit File.

- 4. **We** only supply **our Products** for private and domestic use and shall not be liable to **you** for any business losses **you** may suffer.
- 5. **We** do not exclude or limit in any way **our** liability for:
  - 1. death or personal injury; and
  - 2. fraud.

#### 17. Events outside our control

- We will not be liable or responsible for any breach of these Terms that is caused by an "Event Outside Our Control".
- 2. An **Event Outside Our Control** means any act or event beyond **our** reasonable control (as appropriate), including, for example, industrial action by third parties or failure of public or private telecommunication networks.
- If an Event Outside Our Control takes place that affects our performance of these Terms:
  - 1. we will notify you as soon as possible; and
  - our obligations under these Terms will be suspended and the time for performance of our obligations will be extended for the duration of the Event Outside Our Control.

#### 18. Your personal information

- 1. **We** will use and share **your** personal information in accordance with the terms of **our** Privacy and Cookie Policy, which is available here Privacy & Cookie Policy.
- 2. If false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is identified, details will be passed to fraud prevention agencies. Law enforcement agencies may access and use this information.

**We** and other organisations may also access and use this information to prevent fraud and money laundering, for example, when:

- Checking details on applications for credit and credit related or other facilities
- Managing credit and credit related accounts or facilities
- Recovering debt
- Checking details on proposals and claims for all types of insurance
- Checking details of job applicants and employees

Please contact **us** at Equifax Limited, Customer Service Centre, P.O. Box 10036, Leicester, LE3 4FS if **you** want to receive details of the relevant fraud prevention agencies. **We** and other organisations may access and use from other countries the information recorded by fraud prevention agencies.

#### 19. Changes to our Products and these Terms

1. **We** are entitled to cancel or modify **our Products** or change these **Terms** at any time for any reason, provided that we notify **you** at least 30 days prior to the change coming into force. **You** shall be entitled to cancel **your** subscription to the **Product** in accordance with paragraph 14.

# 20. Other important terms

- 1. These **Terms** are a contract between **you** and **us**. No other person shall have any rights to enforce any of its terms.
- 2. If any part of these **Terms** is held by any competent authority (such as a court) to be invalid or unenforceable (either wholly or in part) the validity or enforceability of the other parts of these **Terms** shall not be affected.
- 3. These **Terms** are governed by English law. **You** may only bring a claim against **us** in England, or any other courts of the country within the United Kingdom in which **you** live. **We** may bring a claim against **you** in the courts of the country within the United Kingdom in which **you** live. If **you** live outside of the United Kingdom, **we** may bring a claim against **you** in the courts of England.

# 21. Questions and complaints

- 1. If **you** have any questions or complaints about **our** service to **you**, please contact **us** here. Complaints Procedure.
- 2. If **you** have any questions or complaints about the content of **your Credit File**, please see paragraphs 4 and 5 above.
- 3. If **you** are unhappy with **our** service or **our** handling of your complaint **you** have the right to take your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service Financial Ombudsman Service.
- 4. In addition to paragraph 21.3 above, the European Commission operates an "online-dispute resolution platform" to assist with resolving consumer complaints. A link to the platform, including more information about how it works, can be found here <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/odr">http://ec.europa.eu/odr</a>.

# 22. Latest version

1. These **Terms** are dated [20<sup>th</sup> October 2016]