

RCSLT Cookie Policy

This policy applies to your use of the RCSLT website which appears at the www.rcslt.org and the RCSLT jobs website which appears at url www.speech-language-therapy-jobs.org/ (the "Websites")

As you may have heard, the law relating to cookies has recently been amended. The Information Commissioner's Office has issued <u>guidance</u> on the amendments and the RCSLT is now in the process of updating this cookie policy to reflect the changes. Please check back here shortly to review the updated policy.

1. Cookies

A cookie is a text-only string of information that a website transfers to the cookie file of the browser on your computer's hard disk so that the website can remember who you are. A cookie will typically contain the name of the domain from which the cookie has come, the 'lifetime' of the cookie, and a value, usually a randomly generated unique number. Cookies can help a website to arrange content to match your preferred interests more quickly and are used by most major websites. Cookies cannot be used by themselves to identify you.

2. How we use cookies on our website and what information we collect

Two types of cookies are used on this website:

(a) Session cookies

Session cookies are temporary cookies that remain in the cookie file of your browser until you leave the websites. We use session cookies:

- (i) to help us to authenticate you as a registered user, giving you access to your user profile and certain otherwise inaccessible areas of the websites:
- (ii) to track the number of visits to the websites;
- (iii) to track which advertising banners are seen on the websites;
- (iv) to compile anonymous statistics that allow us to understand how users use our websites such as details of the pages visited per session on the websites and the number of return visits to the websites (we cannot identify you personally in this way); and
- (v) to enable basic personalisation of the websites.

(b) Persistent cookies

Persistent cookies remain in the cookie file of your browser for much longer than session cookies (though how long will depend on the lifetime of the specific cookie). We use persistent cookies:

(i) to enable the websites to remember who you are and authenticate you automatically if you did not log out at the end of your previous session. Some areas of the websites do not accept this level of security and you will need to enter your username and password again;

- (ii) to allow the collection of certain anonymous statistics about how our registered users use the websites, for example, statistics on how many registered users have logged in to the websites, the number of return visits to the websites etc:
- (iii) to keep track of your current shopping session to personalise your experience and so that you may retrieve your shopping basket at any time; and
- (iv) to enable advanced personalisation of the websites.

(c) Third party cookies

Third party organisations that are related to RCSLT use cookies via these websites, but only for the purposes of helping us to authenticate you as a registered user, giving you access to certain third party websites (such as the RCSLT jobs website and the web access for the RCSLT International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders.

3. Disabling/enabling cookies

You have the ability to accept or decline cookies by modifying the settings in your browser. However, you may not be able to use all the interactive features of our site if cookies are disabled.

4. Google analytics

- 4.1 Our website also uses Google Analytics, a web analytics service provided by Google, Inc. ("Google"). Google Analytics uses cookies to help our websites analyse how users use the sites. The information generated by the cookie about your use of our websites (including your IP address) will be transmitted to and stored by Google on servers in the United States.
- 4.2. Google will use this information for the purpose of evaluating your use of our websites, compiling reports on website activity for Website operators and providing other services relating to website activity and internet usage. Google may also transfer this information to third parties where required to do so by law, or where such third parties process the information on Google's behalf. Google will not associate your IP address with any other data held by Google.

5. Consent

By using our websites, you consent to the processing of data about you by RCSLT, its subsidiaries and Google in the manner and for the purposes set out above.