

COOKIE POLICY

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Please read this policy because it applies to you.

Introduction

This is the Cookie Policy of Retina South Africa.

This policy works in conjunction with our privacy policy, which you can find at [link]. The purpose of this policy is to describe what cookies are, what we use them for, and how you can manage them during your visit to or use of our website.

What are cookies?

We may place small text files called “cookies” on your device when you visit our website. These files do not contain personal data, but they do contain a personal identifier allowing us to associate your personal data with a certain device. Many websites use cookies, and you can find out more about them at www.allaboutcookies.org.

Why do we use cookies?

These text files do not contain your personal information but serve a number of useful purposes for you. These include:

- tailoring our website’s functionality to you personally by letting us remember your preferences, location or device type
- understanding who our audience is so that we can provide the most relevant content to you
- allowing third parties to provide services to our website
- improving how our website performs
- helping us deliver interest-based advertising (where appropriate) in compliance with applicable laws

Our Cookies

We use different types of cookies on our website. Some are placed there by us, while others are placed by our third-party plug-ins, visual aid service providers and suppliers or funders. These cookies may be deleted from your device at different times, such as at the end of your browsing session (when you leave our website), or after a time period you determine, or they may persist on your device until you delete them.

Below is a detailed list of the cookies we use on our Website. Our Website is scanned with our cookie scanning tool regularly to maintain a list as accurate as possible. We classify cookies in the following categories:

- Strictly Necessary (essential) Cookies
- Performance (analytics) Cookies
- Targeting Cookies

We do not use Functional (required) Cookies.

Strictly Necessary Cookies allow our website to perform its essential functions, but do not perform any additional or secondary functions. Without these cookies some part of our websites might stop working. These cookies do not store any personally identifiable information.

Cookie name	Cookie function	Lifespan
phpsessid	This cookie is native to PHP applications. The cookie is used to store and identify a users' unique session ID for the purpose of managing user session on the website. The cookie is a session cookie and is deleted when all the browser windows are closed.	0

Performance (analytics) cookies allow us to count visits and traffic sources so we can measure and improve the performance of our site (web analytics). They help us know which pages are the most and least popular and see how visitors move around the site. Information collected is aggregated and therefore anonymous. If you do not allow these cookies, we will not know when you have visited our site.

Cookie name	Cookie function	Lifespan
_gat	This cookie is installed by Google Universal Analytics to throttle the request rate to limit the collection of data on high traffic sites.	1 minute
_ga	This cookie is installed by Google Analytics. The cookie is used to calculate visitor, session, campaign data and keep track of site usage for the site's analytics report. The cookies store information anonymously and assign a randomly generated number to identify unique visitors.	2 years
_gid	This cookie is installed by Google Analytics. The cookie is used to store information of how visitors use a website and helps in creating an analytics report of how the website is doing. The data collected including the number visitors, the source where they have come from, and the pages visited in an anonymous form.	1 day

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Targeting cookies are used to create profiles or personalize content. Third parties often set them, and these cookies present the highest privacy risks to visitors to the website. They do not store directly personal information but are based on uniquely identifying your browser and internet device. If you do not allow these cookies, you will experience less targeted advertising.

Cookie name	Cookie function	Lifespan
YSC	YouTube is a Google owned platform for hosting and sharing videos. YouTube collects user data through videos embedded in websites, which is aggregated with profile data from other Google services in order to display targeted advertising to web visitors across a broad range of their own and other websites.	0
test_cookie	This domain is owned by Doubleclick (Google). The main business activity is: Doubleclick is Google's real time bidding advertising exchange	0
visitor_info1_live	This cookie is used as a unique identifier to track viewing of videos	180
consent	YouTube is a Google owned platform for hosting and sharing videos. YouTube collects user data through videos embedded in websites, which is aggregated with profile data from other Google services in order to display targeted advertising to web visitors across a broad range of their own and other websites.	6105

Deleting Cookies

Your internet browser generally accepts cookies automatically, but you can often change this setting to stop accepting them. You can also delete cookies manually. Read how to do this at <https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-delete-cookies> or look in your browser settings or options.

Deleting or no longer accepting cookies may prevent you from accessing certain aspects of our website where cookies are necessary or cause the website to forget your preferences. Deleting cookies may prevent from seeing advertisements on our website, albeit such advertising may be less relevant to you.

Enquiries

We welcome your feedback.

If you have any questions or concerns arising from this policy or the way in which we handle personal information, please contact us.

Revision History

The policy (and the procedures, standards and guidelines supporting the policy) is reviewed by the Retina South Africa Management Committee regularly, and at least once in each year.

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Reviews and any revisions of the policy (and the procedures, standards and guidelines supporting the policy) will be recorded in a Revision History filed with this policy.

Compliance with this policy (and the procedures, standards and guidelines supporting the policy) is monitored and may be subject to audit.

***** END OF POLICY *****

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