

Privacy Policy

National Short Film Competition 2026

Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC)

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The Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC) respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal information in accordance with the applicable laws of the Republic of Mauritius, including the **Data Protection Act 2017**.

This Privacy Policy explains how personal information may be collected, used, stored and protected when you visit or use the National Short Film Competition 2026 website.

1. Information We Collect

You may browse and access most of the information on this website without providing personal information.

Personal information may be collected when you voluntarily provide it, including when you:

- register or participate in the National Short Film Competition;
- submit a film or other competition-related material;
- complete an online application or submission form;
- contact MFDC regarding the competition;
- provide information required for the administration of prizes or other competition-related matters; or
- otherwise communicate with MFDC in relation to the competition.

Depending on the purpose, the information collected may include your name, contact details, identification information, age or date of birth where relevant, and other information necessary to administer your participation in the competition.

You will be informed, where applicable, of the purpose for which your personal information is being collected and whether the provision of such information is mandatory or voluntary.

2. Use of Personal Information

Personal information collected through the National Short Film Competition website or associated submission processes may be used for purposes including:

- administering and managing the competition;
- processing and verifying applications and film submissions;
- communicating with applicants and participants;
- verifying eligibility and compliance with the competition rules;
- facilitating the judging and evaluation process;
- administering and processing prizes;
- contacting selected finalists, winners or participants;
- organising competition-related events, screenings or announcements;
- publishing information about selected films, finalists and winners where permitted under the competition rules and applicable consents;
- responding to enquiries and providing support; and
- complying with legal, regulatory, auditing or administrative requirements.

MFDC will not use personal information for purposes that are incompatible with the purpose for which it was collected, unless otherwise permitted or required by law.

3. Film Submissions and Publication

By participating in the National Short Film Competition, applicants acknowledge that submitted films and associated information may be accessed by authorised MFDC personnel, members of the jury and other persons involved in the administration, evaluation and promotion of the competition, as necessary.

Where the competition rules or applicable consent provide for publication, MFDC may publish or communicate information relating to selected entries, finalists and winners, which may include the participant's name, film title, category and related competition information.

Any use, reproduction, screening, broadcasting or other exploitation of submitted films will be subject to the applicable **Competition Rules and Conditions** and any permissions or rights granted by the participant.

4. Sharing of Personal Information

MFDC will only disclose personal information where such disclosure is necessary for the administration of the competition, required or authorised by law, or otherwise permitted by the Data Protection Act 2017.

Personal information may, where necessary, be shared with:

- authorised MFDC personnel;
- members of the competition jury;
- service providers or technology providers supporting the administration of the competition;
- public sector bodies or other authorities where legally required or permitted; and
- other parties where disclosure is necessary for the purposes described in this Privacy Policy and permitted by law.

MFDC will take reasonable steps to ensure that personal information is handled appropriately by persons or organisations authorised to process it.

5. Submission Platform and Third-Party Services

The National Short Film Competition website may use third-party platforms or service providers for functions such as online film submissions, hosting, communications, analytics or other technical services.

Where personal information is processed by such providers, appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that the information is handled in accordance with applicable data protection requirements.

Users should also review the privacy policies of third-party platforms where they are directed to provide personal information.

6. Cookies and Website Statistics

This website may use cookies or similar technical technologies to support website functionality, security and performance.

Cookies may also be used to obtain statistical information about how visitors use the website, such as pages visited, dates and times of visits and general website activity.

Such information may be used to improve the functionality, performance and user experience of the website.

MFDC does not intend to use cookies to identify individual users unless this is necessary for a specific and lawful purpose.

7. Data Security

MFDC takes reasonable technical and organisational measures to protect personal information against unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration, loss, misuse or destruction.

Access to personal information will be limited to authorised persons who require the information for legitimate administrative, operational or legal purposes.

However, no method of transmission or electronic storage can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

8. Retention of Personal Information

Personal information will not be retained for longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, unless a longer retention period is required or permitted by law.

Information relating to competition entries may be retained for an appropriate period for purposes including competition administration, auditing, financial and administrative requirements, legal obligations, dispute resolution and the protection or exercise of legal rights.

When personal information is no longer required, reasonable measures will be taken for its secure deletion, destruction or anonymisation, as appropriate.

9. Your Rights

Subject to the applicable provisions and limitations of the Data Protection Act 2017, individuals may have rights in relation to their personal information, including the right to:

- request access to personal information held about them;
- request the correction or rectification of inaccurate or incomplete information;
- request the erasure of personal information in circumstances provided for by law;
- request restriction of processing in circumstances provided for by law;
- object to certain processing of personal information;
- withdraw consent where processing is based on consent, without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before consent was withdrawn; and
- lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commissioner where they believe their data protection rights have been infringed.

Requests relating to personal information should be made in writing to MFDC using the contact details provided below.

10. Personal Information of Minors

Where participation or any activity associated with the competition involves a person under 16 years of age, appropriate consent or authorisation from a person holding parental responsibility may be required, where applicable under the Data Protection Act 2017 and the Competition Rules.

Parents or persons holding parental responsibility may contact MFDC regarding the processing of a minor's personal information.

11. Links to External Websites

The National Short Film Competition website may contain links to external websites or third-party platforms.

MFDC is not responsible for the privacy practices, content or security of external websites. Users are encouraged to review the privacy policies of such websites before providing personal information.

12. Changes to this Privacy Policy

MFDC may update this Privacy Policy from time to time to reflect changes in legislation, regulatory requirements, technology, competition procedures or website functionality.

Any updated version will be published on this website. Users are encouraged to review this Privacy Policy periodically.

13. Contact Us

For any questions, requests or concerns relating to this Privacy Policy or the processing of your personal information, please contact:

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Email: [Insert official MFDC privacy/data protection email address]

Telephone: [Insert official MFDC telephone number]

Where appropriate, individuals may also contact the **Data Protection Commissioner of Mauritius** regarding their data protection rights.

14. Applicable Law

This Privacy Policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the applicable laws of the Republic of Mauritius, including the **Data Protection Act 2017**.

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