

Terms of Service

Welcome to the VeganScreener

These Terms and Conditions govern your access to and use of the VEGANScreener website, demographic and health survey data, VEGANScreener Survey data, and the VEGANScreener Feedback (“Service”).

Important Notice

The VEGANScreener provides resources to assist you in improving and tracking your eating habits in alignment with dietary guidelines. While the website and associated resources have been developed through extensive research and academic peer review, they are not intended to provide medical diagnoses or treatment advice for specific conditions. Any feedback generated through your use of the Service does not take into account individual medical circumstances, including existing health conditions, vitamin/mineral supplementation, or food allergies. As such, the feedback may not fully reflect your personal situation. The Service is not a substitute for advice from a qualified healthcare professional.

Provider

The Service is provided by the Medical University of Vienna, Centre for Public Health.

1. Access and Use of the Service

Participation in the website and associated resources is voluntary. This Service is intended for users who are 18 years of age or older and agree to these Terms and Conditions. We reserve the right to deny access to, or use of, all or part of the Service, without prior notice, if we believe your conduct violates these Terms, infringes on third-party rights, or is otherwise deemed inappropriate for continued access.

By agreeing to the Terms of Service and using the Service, you confirm that you are at least 18 years old.

Your consent to the collection, storage, and use of your data for the purpose of tracking your diet quality over time and improving your experience on the web app is required before the use of this Service. Also your consent to receiving emails from the Service to facilitate optimal use, including password reset links and an annual reminder to complete the VEGANScreener) is required before the use of this Service. During the registration process, you will be able to give us your consent.

2. General Disclaimer

The information provided through the Service is general in nature, and the Service is not a substitute or replacement for the independent advice of a qualified healthcare professional. Nothing contained in the Service is intended to be used as medical advice and the Service is not intended to be used for medical purposes.

If you suffer from a chronic disease or pre-existing health condition, you should consult a qualified healthcare professional before making any changes to your diet, exercise routine, or taking any medicines or nutritional supplements as a result of information received through the Service.

We disclaim all liability and responsibility arising from any reliance you place on the Service in making medical or clinical decisions or otherwise diagnosing, treating or managing a health condition.

3. Data Use & Data Storage

Your data for use in the web app is stored separately from data used for scientific research. Specifically:

- **Register A** stores data necessary for the operation and improvement of the web app, this includes account information, *Basic Survey* responses and *VEGAN SCREENER Survey* responses. Your consent to the storage and use of your data in Register A is required before the use of this Service.
- **Register B** stores data for scientific research purposes in connection with the Center for Public Health. Your data will only be copied to Register B if you explicitly consent to this, either during registration or later via your account settings. Each change made in the Account Settings will immediately be updated in Register B. If you consent, your *Basic Survey* data and *VEGAN SCREENER Survey* data will be stored in Register B in a pseudonymized form, meaning it will only include your responses and exclude any personally identifiable information (such as email addresses, passwords).
- If you consent to the use of your email address for contact purposes, it will be stored separately in **Register C**. Register C will only contain your email address, with no connection to any other data.

4. Account Deletion and withdrawal of your consent

If you delete your account, all data stored for the operation of the web app (Register A), including your email address and password, will be deleted.

If you have previously consented to the use of your data for scientific research, your data in Register B may still be used in accordance with that consent. If you no longer want your survey data to be used, you must revoke your consent in the account settings before deleting your account. You can also withdraw your consent by sending us an email (please refer to the privacy policy for more information).

If you have previously consented to the use of your email address for contact purposes, your email address in Register C may still be used in accordance with that consent. If you no longer want your email address to be used for contact purposes, you need to revoke this consent in the account settings before

deleting your account. You can also withdraw your consent by sending us an email (please refer to the privacy policy for more information).