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What are cookies?

Cookies are small pieces of text sent by your web browser by a website you visit. A cookies file is stored in your web browser and allows the site or a third party to recognise you and make your next visit easier and the site more useful to you. Essentially, cookies are a user's identification card for the **Moodle servers**. Web beacons are small graphic files linked to the servers that allow us to track your use of our site and related functionalities. Cookies and web beacons allow us to serve you better and more efficiently, and to personalise your experience on our site.

Cookies can be "persistent" or "session" cookies.

How the RCVS Academy uses cookies?

When you use and access the Academy, we may place a number of cookie files in your web browser.

We use or may use cookies and/or web beacons to help us determine and identify repeat visitors, the type of content and sites to which a user of our sites links and the length of time each user spends at any particular area of our site, and the specific functionalities that users choose to use. To the extent that cookies data constitutes personally identifiable information, we process such data on the basis of your consent.

We use both session and persistent cookies across our site and we use different types of cookies to run the site:

- *Essential cookies*. Necessary for the operation of the site. We may use essential cookies to authenticate users, prevent fraudulent use of user accounts, or offer Site features.
- *Analytical/performance cookies*. Allow us to recognise and count the number of visitors and see how visitors move around the site when using it. This helps us improve the way the site work.
- *Functionality cookies*. Used to recognise you when you return to the site. This enables us to personalise our content for you, greet you by name, and remember your preferences (for example, your choice of language or region).
- *Targeting cookies*. Record your visit to the site, the pages you have visited, and the links you have followed. We will use this information to make the site more relevant to your interests. We may also share this information with third parties for this purpose.

To view a list of cookies, please view our cookies table below.

Third-party cookies

In addition to our own cookies, we may also use various third-party cookies to report usage statistics of the site and refine marketing efforts.

- *Tracking cookies*. Follow on-site behaviour and tie it to other metrics allowing a better understanding of usage habits.

- *Optimization cookies.* Allow real-time tracking of user conversion from different marketing channels to evaluate their effectiveness.
- *Partner cookies.* Provide marketing conversion metrics to our partners so they can optimise their paid marketing efforts.

To view a list of third-party cookies that we use, please refer to our cookies table below.

What are your choices regarding cookies?

If you'd like to delete cookies or instruct your web browser to delete or refuse cookies, please visit the help pages of your web browser.

Please note, however, that if you delete cookies or refuse to accept them, you might not be able to use some or all of the features we offer. You may not be able to log in or store your preferences, and some of our pages might not display properly.

Cookies table

The tables below list some of the internal and third-party cookies we use. As the names, numbers, and purposes of these cookies may change over time, this page may be updated to reflect those changes.

Moodle Cookies:

Host Name	Cookie Name	Purpose	Expiration	More Information
	_ga	Registers a unique ID that is used to generate statistical data on how the visitor uses the website.	2 Years	
Moodle	_gat	Used by Google Analytics to throttle request rate.	Session	
	_gid	Registers a unique ID that is used to generate statistical data on how the visitor uses the website.	Session	

Moodle partner cookies:

Host Name	Cookie Name	Purpose	Expiration	More Information
	MoodleSession	You must allow this cookie into your browser to provide continuity and maintain your login from page to page.	Session	
partners.moodle.com	MOODLEID	It remembers your username within the browser. This means when you return to this site the username field on the login page will be already filled out for you.	1 month	It is safe to refuse this cookie – you will just have to retype your username every time you log in.

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Host Name	Cookie Name	Purpose	Expiration	More information
sharethis.com	__stid	Registers a unique ID that identifies the user's device for return visits.	1 Year	www.sharethis.com/privacy/
sharethis.com	__unam	Saves the user's navigation on the website including what pages have been viewed and how long the browser has been used to view each page	9 months	www.sharethis.com/privacy/
google-analytics.com	collect	Used to send data to Google Analytics about the visitor's device and behaviour. Tracks the visitor across devices and marketing channels.		