

Privacy Policy

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The short version. GS Paid does not collect your personal information. There is no account to create, no analytics or advertising software in the app, and no server of ours holding your data. The one thing that does leave your device is whether you have bought Pro, handled by our payments provider so the app knows whether Pro is unlocked — described in Section 4.

What you enter — your grade, step, duty-station ZIP code, and any figures you type into the planning tools — is stored on your device and synced only through your own private iCloud account, which we cannot access.

This Privacy Policy explains how Tristar Dynamics LLC (“we,” “us”) handles information in connection with the GS Paid mobile application (the “App”). Please read it alongside our Terms of Service.

1. Information We Collect

We do not collect, receive, store, or process any personal information about you, apart from the anonymous purchase record described in Section 4. The App has no user accounts, no login, no registration, and no backend server operated by us. We have no technical means of identifying you or retrieving what you enter into the App.

Specifically, the App does **not**:

- Ask you to create an account or provide an email address, phone number, or password;
- Contain any analytics, advertising, attribution, or crash-reporting software;
- Use any third-party software other than the purchase-management service described in Section 4;
- Track you across other apps or websites, or build any profile of you;
- Access your contacts, photos, microphone, camera, health data, or precise device location;
- Sell, rent, trade, or share personal information with anyone.

2. Information Stored On Your Device

To do anything useful, the App saves the details you enter. This information is stored locally on your device and, if you have iCloud enabled, synced through your own private iCloud account so it is available on your other devices. It includes:

WHAT IS STORED	WHY
Display name (optional)	To greet you on the home screen. Never transmitted anywhere.
Pay grade, step, and the date you entered your current step	To show your pay and project your next within-grade increase.
Duty-station ZIP code and locality pay area	To apply the correct locality pay adjustment.
Pay schedule settings (your payday and pay stub lead time)	To count down to your next paycheck and pay stub.
Figures you enter into the planning tools	Withholding percentages, retirement inputs, and similar values you supply for the take-home, retirement, and leave estimators.
App preferences	Theme, default year, saved locality favorites, and notification settings.

This data belongs to you. Deleting the App removes the local copy; you can remove the synced copy through your device's iCloud settings for GS Paid.

iCloud sync

Sync uses Apple's CloudKit *private database*, which is tied to your Apple Account. Data in a private database is accessible only to you. We are the app's developer, not a party to that storage, and we cannot read, export, or recover it. Apple's handling of iCloud data is governed by Apple's Privacy Policy.

3. Network Activity

The App makes three kinds of network request, and no others. None of them sends anything you enter into the App.

ZIP code lookup

OPM defines locality pay areas by *county*, not by ZIP code. When you type a duty-station ZIP code, the App asks Apple's geocoding service (`CLGeocoder`) which county that ZIP code falls in, then

matches the county against a list of locality areas bundled inside the App.

- The only thing sent is the five-digit ZIP code you typed.
- The request goes to Apple, not to us. We never see it, and it is handled under Apple's Privacy Policy.
- This step is optional. You can select your locality pay area manually and the App will never make a network request at all.

App Store

The App asks the Apple App Store for the current prices in your region — both the subscription plans and the one-time Lifetime purchase — and whether your Apple Account is still eligible for the free trial, so the Pro screen can show the right figures. This request runs when the App starts. Buying or restoring a purchase contacts Apple in the same way, and so does redeeming a code: tapping **Redeem Code** opens Apple's own redemption screen inside the App, and the code you type goes to Apple. **We never see it.** These requests go to Apple, not to us, and are handled under Apple's Privacy Policy.

Pro status

To know whether to unlock Pro features, the App checks whether you have bought Pro through RevenueCat, a purchase-management service we use as our processor. This check runs when the App starts, each time the App returns to the foreground, and when you buy, redeem, or restore. (It runs on foregrounding so that a purchase or code redeemed elsewhere — in the App Store, or on another device — is recognized when you come back, instead of leaving Pro locked.) It is covered in Section 4.

Beyond these three, the App contains no other networking code. It does not report your pay figures, your grade and step, your ZIP code, or anything else you enter — none of that is ever transmitted to us or to anyone else. It does not phone home for messages or usage statistics.

4. Purchases

GS Paid Pro is sold through the Apple App Store, either as an auto-renewable subscription or as a one-time Lifetime purchase. Apple processes the entire transaction. **We never see your payment card, billing address, or Apple Account credentials.** The same is true of promotional codes: they are redeemed with Apple, and we never see the code or who redeemed it.

Apple provides us with aggregated, anonymized sales and financial reports, which do not identify individual customers. Apple's handling of purchase information is governed by Apple's Privacy Policy.

RevenueCat

To keep track of whether Pro is unlocked for you — including across your devices, and after you reinstall the App — we use **RevenueCat, Inc.**, a purchase-management service acting as our processor. The RevenueCat software is built into the App and contacts RevenueCat’s servers when the App starts, each time the App returns to the foreground, and when you purchase, redeem, or restore.

What is sent to RevenueCat:

- A randomly generated, anonymous identifier the App creates for your installation. It is not your name, email address, or Apple Account, and we do not link it to your identity;
- The Apple App Store purchase receipt for your subscription or Lifetime purchase, so it can be validated;
- Basic technical details such as your device model, operating-system version, App version, and country.

What is **not** sent to RevenueCat: nothing you enter into the App. Your name, grade, step, ZIP code, locality, salary figures, withholding percentages, retirement and leave inputs, and saved comparisons never leave your device except through your own iCloud account.

RevenueCat processes this information on our behalf to provide and validate purchases. It is not used for advertising, and we do not use it to track you across other apps or websites. RevenueCat’s handling of this information is governed by its own privacy policy at revenuecat.com/privacy.

If you never buy anything, this check still runs and simply reports that you have no Pro access.

5. Notifications

If you turn on reminders, the App schedules *local* notifications on your device — for example, a reminder that a within-grade increase is approaching. These are generated and delivered entirely on your device. No push server is involved and no notification content leaves your device.

6. Widgets, Lock Screen, and Siri

The App’s Home Screen widgets read a small snapshot of your pay information through a private App Group container shared between the App and its widget. This stays on your device and is never transmitted anywhere.

The same snapshot answers the App’s Siri and Spotlight shortcuts (for example, “When is my next payday?”). Those answers are produced on your device from the stored snapshot; the question is not sent to us, and no pay information leaves your device to answer it.

The Payday Countdown widget can also be placed on your Lock Screen, where it deliberately shows **dates only and never any dollar figure**, because the Lock Screen is visible before your phone is unlocked.

A setting in the App — Settings › Home Screen Widget › “Show pay & step data” — turns this off. With it off, no pay figures are written to the shared container at all and any previously stored copy is erased, so your figures are not sitting in the shared container (or in your device backups). The widgets then show a placeholder and the Siri shortcuts tell you to open the App instead.

7. Children’s Privacy

GS Paid is a workplace tool intended for federal employees and is not directed to children. We do not knowingly collect personal information from anyone, including children under 13.

8. Your Rights

Privacy laws such as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) give you rights to access, correct, delete, or port the personal information a company holds about you, and to opt out of its sale.

We hold no name, email address, account, or contact details for you, and nothing you enter into the App ever reaches us — so for almost everything these laws cover, there is nothing for us to retrieve, correct, delete, or disclose. **We do not sell or share personal information, and we never have.** You remain in direct control of the data stored on your device and in your own iCloud account, and can delete it at any time as described in Section 2.

The one exception is the anonymous purchase record described in Section 4 (a randomly generated installation identifier, your App Store receipt, and basic device details) held by RevenueCat on our behalf. If you want that record accessed or deleted, email us at support@tristardynamics.com and we will act on it. Because the identifier is anonymous, we may need you to send the request from the device in question so we can locate the right record. Note that deleting it does not cancel a subscription or revoke a Lifetime purchase — those live with Apple, not with us — and may mean you have to restore your purchase to unlock Pro again.

9. Data Security

Everything you enter stays on your device or in your own iCloud account, protected by your device’s passcode, encryption, and Apple’s iCloud security. We operate no server and hold no database of your information, so there is no store of your pay details, ZIP code, or planning inputs anywhere for an attacker to reach. The only record kept off your device is the anonymous purchase

record described in Section 4, which contains no information about you beyond a random identifier, a purchase receipt, and device details.

10. Changes To This Policy

If we change how the App handles information, we will post an updated policy here with a new effective date, and — where the change is significant — note it in the App's release notes. If a future version of the App ever begins collecting information, this policy will be updated *before* that version is released.

11. Contact Us

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