



# Australian Hosted Services Acceptable Use Policy

## Version 3

### 1. Definitions

**Account** means the account held with Carter Tech by the Customer that is used for billing, contact information and details of the Service(s) assigned to the Customer.

**Australian hosting** means the Xtreme Australian Hosting shared cPanel hosting service provided by Carter Tech through its wholesale partner.

**Carter Tech, Company, our, we, us or Business** means Carter Tech Pty Ltd (ABN 57 136 699 315) of 2936 Tarana Road, Tarana NSW 2787 Australia.

**Carter Tech's Hosting Management System** refers to Carter Tech's customer account, billing and management portal, available online at <https://cartertech.net.au>

**cPanel** refers to the shared web hosting Service control panel and **cPanel user** refers to the Customer's Service on the shared web hosting cPanel server environment.

**Client or Customer** refers to any person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity acquiring services from Carter Tech.

**CloudLinux** means server-side software that monitors resources to ensure operation within set limits.

**Legacy Australian hosting** means the Economy Australian and Premium Australian shared cPanel hosting service provided by Carter Tech through its wholesale partner.

**Service, Service(s) or Services** means any product(s) or service(s) the Customer has ordered from Carter Tech. This can include, but is not limited to, web site hosting, domain name registration or transfer or renewal, SSL certificates, SMS services and all auxiliary service(s). These product(s) and service(s) are identified in full within the "sign up" and "service provision" emails Carter Tech sends to the Customer after an order has been placed. The specific details of the Services can be found by logging in to the customer area of the [cartertech.net.au](https://cartertech.net.au) website or on our website.

**Wholesale partner, partner or upstream provider** refers to the entity from which Carter Tech purchase services to resell to Customers.

### 2. Acceptance

2.1 The Customer signified acceptance of the Acceptable Use Policy upon signup to one of the Australian Hosting Service products offered by Carter Tech.

2.2 The Customer acknowledges that they are solely responsible for ensuring that all Service(s) are in full compliance with this policy, and that they are solely responsible for the files and applications that have been uploaded and executed.

### 3. Unacceptable Content and Material

- 3.1 The Customer may not publish, transmit, distribute or store any content or material on the wholesale partner's servers or network that our wholesale partner believes:
- a. Constitutes child pornography;
  - b. Is excessively violent or incites, threatens or implies violence;
  - c. Contains harassing content or hate speech;
  - d. Is unfair or deceptive under any relevant Fair Trading or Consumer Affairs act in your state;
  - e. Is defamatory or violates a person's privacy;
  - f. Creates a risk to a person's safety, health or security;
  - g. Compromises national security or interferes with an investigation by any law enforcement agency;
  - h. Improperly exposes trade secrets or any other confidential or proprietary information of another person or business;
  - i. Is intended to assist others in defeating technical copyright protection, which includes illegal file sharing and torrents;
  - j. Clearly infringes on another person or businesses trade mark, patent or property;
  - k. Promotes illegal drugs or violates import or export laws;
  - l. Relates to illegal gambling or fire arms trafficking;
  - m. Is otherwise illegal or solicits conduct that is illegal under laws applicable to the Customer, Carter Tech or our wholesale partner;
  - n. Is otherwise malicious, fraudulent, or may result in retaliation against Carter Tech or our wholesale partner by offended viewers.

### 4. Prohibited Use

- 4.1 Australian and Legacy Australian hosting Services may not be used for the following purpose:
- a. For storage of backup archives nor any data which is not directly related to and accessible through the website itself;
- 4.2 Additionally, Legacy Australian hosting Services may not be used for the following purpose:
- a. For storage of email data exceeding 5GB in total per service; this total encompasses all email inboxes additional directories within the cPanel service including the default catchall email account.
- 4.3 Services, including but not limited to Australian and Legacy Australian web hosting Services, may not be used for any of the following activities:
- a. IRC scripts or bots;
  - b. Proxy scripts or anonymous browsing utilities;
  - c. Image or file hosting scripts (similar to Photobucket, Rapidshare, etc);
  - d. IP scanners;
  - e. Pirated software or "warez" sites;
  - f. Banner advertisement services;
  - g. Lotteries, banking or investment sites (such as Pyramid or Ponzi schemes);
  - h. Hacker focussed sites, archives or programs;
  - i. Sale of any controlled substance without having the appropriate permits;
  - j. Sites promoting illegal activities;
  - k. Any game servers (such as Counter Strike, Half Life, etc);
  - l. Any VoIP service primarily associated with game server communities (such as TeamSpeak);
  - m. Any other purpose that the management of our wholesale partner have deemed as unacceptable.

## 5. Security

- 5.1 The Customer acknowledges that they are solely responsible for what is hosted from and stored in the Service.
- 5.2 The Customer agrees to keep all PHP and CGI scripts up to date with the latest release or stable versions as directed by the publisher or developer. Failure to do this may result in security vulnerabilities leading to your Service being compromised, defaced or destroyed.
- 5.3 The Customer warrants that their Service usernames and passwords will be kept in a safe and secure location at all times, and that they will not use dictionary words or consecutive strings as a password.
- 5.4 The Customer agrees to keep all file and folder permissions set correctly.

## 6. Excessive Resource Usage

- 6.1 CloudLinux CPU core, RAM allocations, I/O usage, Processes and inodes count limits apply to all Custom and Legacy cPanel web hosting Services. Any Service which exceeds these limits will automatically display a "503 Service Temporarily Unavailable" message to all visitors until the resource usage falls below the assigned limits. Information on the limits assigned to a particular Service can be found within the Carter Tech Hosting Management System.
- 6.2 For all shared Australian and Legacy Australian web hosting Services, the Customer may not:
  - a. Perform any task which unreasonably consumes server resources leading to degradation of the shared hosting server environment for other Customers;
  - b. Perform any task which generates high IO Load;
  - c. Consume large amounts of system memory;
  - d. Execute a script which takes longer than 180 seconds to complete;
  - e. Operate a script which does not close MySQL connections upon completion;
  - f. Run any server-side or stand-alone processes or daemons;
  - g. Run any bit torrent applications, trackers or clients;
  - h. Run any web spiders or indexers;
  - i. Run cron entries with intervals less than 15 minutes;
  - j. Use PHP includes that call the full URL instead of a local file (eg. `include(http://domainname.com/file.php)` instead of using `include("file.php")`);
- 6.3 For all shared Australian and Legacy Australian web hosting Services, the Customer must request permission from Carter Tech and supply a valid reason before using any of the following commands in scripts, SSH or via any other means:
  - a. `rsync`;
  - b. `tracert`, `traceroute` or `traceroute6`;
  - c. `ping` or `ping6`;
  - d. `mtr`;
  - e. `lynx`;
  - f. `ftp`;
- 6.4 Carter Tech and its wholesale provider reserve the right to suspend any service utilising excessive network resources, and reserves the right to charge additional usage fees for excessive usage. Carter Tech may make reasonable attempts to notify the Customer at the time of suspension, however, notification is not guaranteed and the Customer should ensure they are compliant with all policies.

## 7. Backups

- 7.1 The Customer warrants they will maintain a local or off-site backup of their Service data at all times.
- 7.2 Carter Tech nor its wholesale partner will not be held liable for data loss under any circumstances and it is the Customers sole responsibility to ensure that they have a backup of all data.

## 8. Spam and Bulk Email

- 8.1 The Customer warrants that they will not knowingly use the Service for sending any unsolicited email or any unsolicited bulk email (commonly known as spam).
- 8.2 The Customer may not use any purchased email list for individual or bulk email sending.
- 8.3 Our wholesale partner assigns a limit of 1,000 outbound emails per domain per hour on Australian web hosting services (unless specified). Any Customer who attempts to send more than the allowed amount will receive an undeliverable message for up to one (1) hour after the limit has been reached. All email over the limit will be discarded.
- 8.4 Our wholesale partner assigns a limit of 500 outbound emails per domain per hour on Legacy Australian web hosting services (unless specified). Any Customer who attempts to send more than the allowed amount will receive an undeliverable message for up to one (1) hour after the limit has been reached. All email over the limit will be discarded.
- 8.5 The Customer agrees that all mailing list applications, including but not limited to Mailman, will have no more than 4,000 individual email addresses per list per domain.
- 8.6 The Customer warrants that all mailing lists used are “opt-in” by the recipient, and all recipients in the list have consented to being on the list.
- 8.7 The Customer warrants that all commercial emails sent contain an appropriate mechanism for the recipient to “opt-out” of the list.
- 8.8 The Customer warrants that all email sent, either individually or bulk, complies with the Australian Spam Act 2003 ([http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_310322](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_310322)), the United States CAN-SPAM Act 2003 (<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/business/ecommerce/bus61.shtm>) and any other relevant Spam-related legislation that may be created or amended from time to time.

## 9. Non-compliance and Remedy

- 9.1 Any Service(s) that are found to be in breach of this policy but have not caused any known inconvenience to other Customers will result in an email being sent to the Customer asking for changes to be made in order to comply with this policy and two (2) days to make the changes. The Customer is required to acknowledge this email and advise Carter Tech what actions have been taken to remedy the breach. Failure to comply may result in the Service(s) being suspended without additional warning.
- 9.2 Any Service(s) that are found to be in breach of this policy that have caused issues and/or degradation of service for other Customers, will result in immediate suspension followed by an email requesting changes to be made in order to comply with this policy. The Service(s) will only be unsuspending once the Customer has acknowledged the breach and agreed in writing to remedy the breach.
- 9.3 Any Service(s) that are found to be in breach of this policy and have recorded a prior breach within three (3) months of the new breach will result in immediate suspension followed by an email requesting changes to be made in order to comply with this policy. The Service(s) will

only be unsuspending once the Customer has acknowledged the breach and agreed in writing to remedy the breach, and a \$29.95 re-activation fee has been paid in full.

- 9.4 Any Service(s) that are found to be in breach of this policy and have recorded two (2) prior breaches within three (3) months of the new breach, will result in immediate suspension followed by an email advising that the Service(s) must be moved to another provider immediately. Carter Tech or its wholesale partner will supply the Customer with a backup archive of their files if available, and termination of the service will occur within seven (7) days. If the Customer does not respond to this notice, the Service(s) will be automatically terminated in thirty (30) days.
- 9.5 Suspension advisory emails (as detailed in 9.1 to 9.4) will be sent to the nominated account holder email address, and the Customer warrants that this address will be kept current and up to date. We recommend using an externally hosted email address to ensure continued delivery of important service information and notifications.
- 9.6 The Customer will be solely liable for any fees or charges that are paid by Carter Tech or its wholesale partner to third party providers for the unblocking of any restrictions they have placed due to Service(s) operated by the Customer breaching this policy.
- 9.7 The Customer will not be entitled to a refund if any of Carter Tech's Terms, Policies and Agreements have been breached.

## 10. Changes

- 10.1 Carter Tech may amend our Acceptable Use Policy at any time. At all times Carter Tech will make available the current terms for client review and download via our website. Changes to this agreement other than price changes will become effective upon their publication to our website, and furthermore, continued use of the Service(s) constitutes acceptance of the amended terms. If you do not wish to accept the amended terms, you may request cancellation of your Service(s).
- 10.2 All Carter Tech Terms, Policies and Agreements are available for download from our website at any time.

**If you have any questions about this agreement, please contact our support team at [support@carter-tech.com.au](mailto:support@carter-tech.com.au).**

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