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Notice of Data Breach -

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Notice of Data Breach

We want to let you know that recently a 3rd party provider to the Duolingo English Test suffered a data breach. You took a Duolingo English Test on April 14, 2017 and we believe that sometime between March 16 and June 11, 2020 some of your personal information was potentially exposed to an outside party. Our service provider and we believe that the breach has been contained and that the service provider has taken steps to improve its security posture.

What Information Was Involved

- Name
- · Date of birth
- · Image of the identification you used to take the test

What We are Doing and What You Can Do

We take this issue very seriously. We have arranged with ID Experts to offer identity protection and credit monitoring services to you for two years at no cost. Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend that you remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activity or suspected identity theft to the proper authorities. A good place to start for U.S. citizens and those living in the United States is the Identity Theft page of the Federal Trade Commission's website.

We encourage you to contact ID Experts with any questions and to enroll in free MyIDCare services by calling 1-800-939-4170 or going to https://ide.myidcare.com/customending; https://ide.myidcare.com/account-creation/protect and using the Enrollment Code provided above. MyIDCare experts are available Monday through Friday from 5 am ~ 5 pm Pacific Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is May 30, 2021. You will find detailed instructions for enrollment on the enclosed Recommended Steps document. Also, you will need to reference the enrollment code when calling or enrolling online. Your enrollment code is https://ide.myidcare.com/customending; https://ide.myidcare.com/customending; <a href="https://ide.myidcare.com/customending; <a

Thank you.



Recommended Steps to help Protect your Information

- 1. Website and Enrollment. Go to https://app.myidcare.com/account-creation/protect and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided in the attached email.
- 2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your MyIDCare membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, MyIDCare will be able to assist you.
- 3. Telephone. Contact MyIDCare at 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.
- 4. Review your credit reports. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in MyIDCare, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the MyIDCare website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

5. Place Fraud Alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three bureaus is as follows:

Credit Bureaus

Equifax Fraud Reporting 1-866-349-5191 P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 www.equifax.com Experian Fraud Reporting 1-888-397-3742 P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com TransUnion Fraud Reporting 1-800-680-7289 P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022-2000 www.transunion.com

It is necessary to contact only ONE of these bureaus and use only ONE of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well. You will receive confirmation letters

in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review. An initial fraud alert will last for one year.

Please Note: No one is allowed to place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

- 6. Security Freeze. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.
- 7. You can obtain additional information about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following agencies. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them.

All US Residents: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission. 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, www.consumer.gov/idtheft, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261.