

Website Ownership & Access Policy

By His Grace Studios

Applies to: All website design and hosting clients hosted by By His Grace Studios.



1. Ownership of Website Design

All website designs created by By His Grace Studios remain the intellectual property of By His Grace Studios unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Clients are granted non-exclusive usage rights of the completed website once payment has been made in full.

Unauthorized editing of the website or removal of design credits is strictly prohibited unless written permission is granted. If a website was originally designed by By His Grace Studios, the client may not transfer, edit, or allow another designer or developer to modify the existing design. The original layout, structure, and creative work remain the sole property of By His Grace Studios.

Replacing our credit with another designer's name or reusing the design elsewhere is a breach of intellectual property rights and may lead to legal action.

2. Hosting & Server Access

Websites hosted by By His Grace Studios are stored on a shared hosting account managed by our studio.

For security and privacy reasons, clients do not receive login credentials to the main hosting account (e.g. RegisterDomain, cPanel root, WHM).

This protects the integrity of all client sites and prevents unintended technical issues.

3. Client Access

Clients may request access to storage usage reports (disk space, email space, website file sizes), email account setup instructions, traffic statistics (if tracking is enabled), or FTP or CMS-level access in select cases, at the sole discretion of By His Grace Studios.

Access is provided in the form of read-only reports or limited credentials when applicable. Full cPanel or host login credentials will not be shared.

4. Third-Party Developers or Transfers

If the client wishes to transfer the website or hosting to another provider or developer, this must be formally requested in writing.

A transfer fee may apply, depending on the level of support and files required.

If the website was originally designed by By His Grace Studios, the full design, layout, and creative structure remain the intellectual property of By His Grace Studios, unless explicitly stated otherwise in a written agreement.

Should the client wish to move their website to another designer or developer, the client forfeits the right to the current website design.

These elements may not be accessed, edited, duplicated, or repurposed by another party.

Providing access to a third-party or allowing another individual or company to make changes is a violation of copyright law, especially if our design credit is removed or replaced.

By His Grace Studios does not authorize any reuse, replication, or transfer of our original designs to external parties.

5. Copyright Notice

All websites designed by By His Grace Studios will include a footer credit such as: "© Designed by: By His Grace Studios." This may be linked to our website.

Clients may not remove or alter this credit without express written consent.

6. Disclaimer & Liability

By His Grace Studios is not liable for any loss, downtime, or data corruption caused by unauthorized access, third-party interference, or client misuse or misconfiguration.

We reserve the right to revoke access or deny login requests that may compromise the security of our systems or other clients.

7. Copyright Law & Legal Standing

This policy is backed by the Copyright Act 98 of 1978 (South Africa). All original works — including websites, layouts, and designs — are protected under this law by default.

No registration is required to claim ownership.

Reproduction, modification, or misuse of our work without consent is prohibited and enforceable by law.

8. Policy Availability

This policy applies automatically to all clients who engage with By His Grace Studios.

It is publicly available on our website.

By entering into an agreement with By His Grace Studios, the client acknowledges and agrees to this full policy.