

## Why does it say I've have a data breach when setting my password?

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We have all heard about the security hacks that affected many organisations around the world. Many of these involve the breaching of personal information like usernames and passwords.

When you enter a password for your MyNMIT account when check this against a global database run by an independent third party organisation called [Have I been Pwned?](#)

If the password you have entered matches against one that has been previously released to the public then we will not permit it to be used. You will need to enter another password or make the one you have entered more secure.

We also recommend you change your original password if it is not acceptable on MyNMIT wherever else you have used it, it may not be as secure as you think now.

[Some resources on setting strong passwords](#)

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