

## STUDENT COLLECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

Jisc is the body responsible for collecting and disseminating information about higher education in the UK and the designated data body for England. Jisc merged with the Higher Education Statistics Agency in 2022 and retains the HESA branding for this area of its work (see <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about> for more information).

Jisc owns a subsidiary company called Jisc Services Limited (JSL). Jisc uses JSL to deliver some of its products and services. Any references to “we”, “us”, “our”, “Jisc” and “HESA” are to these group companies. We are the data controller of the personal data processed for the purposes set out below and are responsible for looking after it. You’ll find more information about us and how to contact us at the end of this notice.

Reference to “your provider” mean the higher education provider which you attend. We obtain data about you from your provider. They are also a data controller and will have their own privacy notice which should include information about their obligation to share your data with us.

This notice is applicable to the 2025/26 academic year. It is also applicable to data collected in previous academic years and retained by Jisc. See *Categories of information submitted to Jisc, including Special Categories of data*, below, for more information about the categories of data that will be collected in 2025/26 and that have been collected by HESA in previous years and have been transferred to Jisc.

## ABOUT THIS NOTICE

Under UK data protection laws, we’re required to provide you with certain information about who we are, how we process your personal data, our purposes and your rights in relation to your personal data.

This notice is regularly reviewed and updated, for example, when organisations change their names or to clarify how your information is used. Updates may be made at any time and you will always find the most up to date version at <http://www.hesa.ac.uk/privacynotice>.

Each collection notice relates to a specific period of data collection. These notices are available both in English and Welsh. If you need any assistance in identifying which record your HESA Information may be included in, please contact [dataprotection@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@jisc.ac.uk) for guidance.

Copies of the historic notices continue to be made available on the [Historical Collection Notices page](#).

## THIRD PARTY PRIVACY INFORMATION

Throughout this privacy notice we link to the privacy documentation of the organisations with whom we share your information. Simply click on their names to access their privacy information.



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## SUBMISSION OF YOUR INFORMATION TO JISC

**Data about you will be supplied to Jisc for the purposes set out below. All information is used in compliance with data protection legislation.**

Every year your provider or the government department that collected it originally, will send some of the information it holds about you to Jisc ("your HESA Information"). Jisc is an official source of data about UK higher education.

Your HESA Information is used for a variety of purposes by Jisc and by third parties as described below. Jisc may charge other organisations to whom it provides services and data. Uses of your HESA Information may include linking parts of it to other information, as described below. Information provided to Jisc is retained indefinitely for statistical research purposes. Your HESA Information will not be used to make automated decisions about you. The extent to which your HESA information will be used for purposes 4-5 and 8 will vary.

## CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO JISC, INCLUDING SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF DATA

**Jisc collects data about the personal characteristics of students and information about their studies and qualifications. This might include sensitive details about students' personal lives used for equality and diversity monitoring.**

Data submitted to Jisc by your provider includes details about the course you are studying, and any qualifications awarded to you during the academic year. It also includes personal data - such as your name and date of birth, your prior qualifications, and where you lived before and during your course.

Information about your health, disability status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or religion are classed as 'Special Categories of data' under the UK GDPR. Any special category data supplied to Jisc by your provider as part of their submission will be included in your HESA Information.

This information is necessary for monitoring equality of opportunity and eliminating unlawful discrimination in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 or equivalent subsequent legislation, or for other statistical or research purposes falling within UK GDPR Article 9(2)(j).

Some other information is used to enable research into the provision of fair access to higher education, for example information as to whether you are a care leaver. If your provider is in England or Wales, your HESA Information may include details of any financial support you may receive from your higher education provider.

A full list of data items that may be included in your HESA Information for the 2025/26 academic year will be available from October 2025 here: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/25056>

Please note that not all data items are collected for all students.



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If you were a student in a previous academic year, a full list of data items that may be included in your HESA Information can be found below. Please note that multiple academic years are likely to apply to your HESA Information depending on the length of your initial course(s) and of any further study.

## Student Record Data Items

Student Record	Student Alternative Record	Initial Teacher Training Record (ITT)
• <a href="#">24/25</a>	• <a href="#">21/22</a>	• <a href="#">24/25</a>
• <a href="#">23/24</a>	• <a href="#">20/21</a>	• <a href="#">23/24</a>
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Student Record	Student Alternative Record	Initial Teacher Training Record (ITT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">98/99</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">97/98</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">96/97</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">95/96</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">94/95</a></li> </ul>		

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In addition to the table above, The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service ('UCAS') will send some information it holds about you to us to support our UK-wide public functions, to collect and disseminate higher education information.

It may be necessary to share data we receive from UCAS with your higher education provider to assist with validation and additional quality assurance steps.

For more information on uses of your UCAS data see <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/ucas-data>.

## PURPOSE 1 – NAMED DATA USED FOR PUBLIC FUNCTIONS BY THE HE FUNDING AND REGULATORY BODIES

**Your HESA Information is used by HE funding and regulatory bodies (who request Jisc to collect it) for their statutory and/or public functions including funding, regulation and policy-making purposes. Your information is provided by reference to your name, but your information will not be used to make decisions about you, except as described in Purpose 3 below.**

Jisc shares your HESA Information with the HE funding and regulatory body(ies) who request Jisc to collect it and require it to carry out their statutory and/or public functions. This data sharing is carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc and the funding and regulatory bodies. Jisc has been appointed as the designated data body for England under the [Higher Education and Research Act 2017](#). The HE funding and regulatory bodies are:

- England - [Office for Students](#) (who take into account what would be helpful to collect for sharing with UK Research and Innovation and the Secretary of State)
- Wales – [Medr](#)
- Scotland - [Scottish Funding Council](#)
- Northern Ireland - [Department for the Economy](#)
- [UK Research and Innovation](#) (UKRI), the non-departmental government body responsible for supporting research and knowledge exchange at higher education institutions in England

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Your HESA Information will be shared with these organisations as part of a large dataset which contains similar information about other people who have followed higher education courses in the UK. These organisations are also data controllers of your HESA Information. This means that they make their own decisions about how to use it, and this may include publishing statistics, carrying out quality assurance, and sharing the information with third parties, such as other government or public bodies or other organisations of the type listed elsewhere in this collection notice. However, all uses of your HESA Information are within the purposes set out in this collection notice and covered by data sharing agreements with Jisc.

These organisations may retain HESA Information indefinitely for statistical and research purposes.

## Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 1

Processing of your HESA Information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (see UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

Processing of Special Categories of data is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (Article 9(2)(g), UK GDPR and paragraph 8, part 2, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018); and necessary for statistical and research purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) and research purposes based on the duties in the Equality Act 2010, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, or the Digital Economy Act 2017 or equivalent subsequent legislation, or for other research purposes (Article 9(2)(j), UK GDPR, and paragraph 4, part 1, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018).

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## PURPOSE 2 – NAMED DATA USED FOR PUBLIC FUNCTIONS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

**Jisc acts as an information hub to provide data and statistics on higher education. While the bodies described in Purpose 1 (above) have legal or regulatory power to require information from certain higher education providers, other public authorities also use your HESA Information for their statutory and/or public functions including funding, regulation and policy-making purposes.**

### Education statistics and data

Jisc also acts as an information hub to provide information on higher education. In England, this is undertaken outside of Jisc's designated data body activities. Jisc shares your HESA Information with public authorities who require it to carry out their statutory and/or public functions. Your HESA Information will be shared with these organisations as part of a large dataset which contains similar information about other people who have followed higher education courses in the UK.

These organisations become data controllers upon receipt of your HESA Information. This means that they make their own decisions about how to use it, and this may include publishing statistics and sharing the information with third parties, such as other government or public bodies or other organisations of the type listed elsewhere in this collection notice. However, all uses that they make of your HESA Information will be within the purposes set out in this collection notice and covered by data sharing agreements with Jisc.

The HE funding and regulatory bodies who receive information not collected under their relevant power, but who need it for their functions, are:

- [Office for Students](#) (for example, the OfS have power to collect information from providers in England, but also need information about providers in other parts of the UK for their public function)
- [Medr](#)
- [Scottish Funding Council](#)
- [Department for the Economy \(NI\)](#)

Education departments in England and the devolved administrations:

- [Department for Education \(DfE\)](#)
- [Welsh Government](#)
- [Scottish Government](#)

Other bodies with public functions connected to education:

- [Department for Science, Innovation and Technology \(DSIT\)](#)
- [UK Research and Innovation \(UKRI\) \(and Research England\)](#)
- [Teaching Regulation Agency](#)
- National Health Service bodies and organisations working with them e.g. [Health Education England](#), [Department of Health and Social Care](#) and [NHS Education Scotland](#)

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- [General Medical Council](#)
- [UCAS](#)
- [Office for National Statistics](#)

and any successor bodies. Further data controllers may be added to the list from time to time – please see the online version of this notice at <http://www.hesa.ac.uk/privacynotice>.

## Other uses of named data

Your HESA Information may also be used by some organisations who are also Controllers who carry out statistical and research tasks in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority that are not connected with education. Such uses may include the following:

- Production of statistics in relation to the population of the UK and for statistical research, undertaken by the Office for National Statistics. Further information can be found on the [ONS website](#).
- Production of statistics and statistical research undertaken by [National Records of Scotland](#) and the [Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency](#).
- Monitoring of public expenditure by the [National Audit Office](#).

Jisc is seeking to reduce the burden on higher education providers by encouraging other organisations who currently collect information about students direct from higher education providers to collect and receive information through Jisc. The above list will be updated from time to time but we'll always publish the up-to-date list here.

## Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 2

Processing of your HESA Information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (See UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

Processing of Special Categories of data is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (Article 9(2)(g), UK GDPR and paragraph 8, part 2, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018); and necessary for statistical and research purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) and research purposes based on the duties in the Equality Act 2010, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, or the Digital Economy Act 2017 or equivalent subsequent legislation, or for other research purposes (Article 9(2)(j), UK GDPR, and paragraph 4, part 1, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018).

## PURPOSE 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE USES

**Your named data may be processed by Jisc or third parties for administrative purposes including purposes relating to the detection and prosecution of fraud. The uses of your HESA Information in these ways may result in decisions being made about you.**



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## Jisc administrative uses

**Changing provider during your higher education studies** – If during your study with a higher education provider, you transfer to another higher education provider or your course is delivered in collaboration with another higher education provider, it may be necessary for Jisc to share information about you with your new provider to ensure you are correctly included in their relevant data submission to Jisc. Jisc may also be required to inform your previous provider that you are now studying elsewhere.

**Degree qualification verification service** - Jisc may share your named data with third party enquirers for the purposes of providing Prospects Hedd, the degree verification and fraud detection service and the necessary information required to undertake verification searches. Qualifications, grades and attendance dates can be verified as part of this service which has been designed to protect against degree fraud and uphold the reputation and integrity of UK higher education.

## External administrative uses

In the exercise of their official authority, it may be necessary for the UK higher education funding and regulatory bodies listed in Purposes 1 and 2 to use your HESA Information which is passed to them for Purposes 1 and 2 to identify you and take decisions about you as an individual for the following purposes only:

**Medical qualification checking** – it may be necessary for the GMC to use your HESA Information which is passed to them for Purpose 2 to identify you for the purpose of checking your Advanced Knowledge Test qualification.

**Fraud detection and prevention** - Your HESA Information may be used to audit claims to public funding and student finance, and to detect and prevent fraud. This may include sharing your Information with other Controllers (for example the Student Loans Company, Pearson Education).

**Previous study** - If your higher education provider is in England: The Office for Students may share your previous education records with this provider, including HESA Information submitted by other higher education providers, to determine the nature of any prior higher education study, including your current qualifications. This may be used to make decisions about the fees you are required to pay, the support available to you or the availability of a place for you to study with a higher education provider. The Office for Students may also share the fact you are studying with a new provider with your previous provider.

For these purposes your HESA Information may be held separately by the OfS (in addition to being held within datasets for Purpose 1) and retained for as long as necessary for the purposes of detection or prosecution of fraud and any associated legal or audit purposes.

## Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 3

Processing of your HESA Information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (See UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

The processing of your HESA Information for the purposes of providing the Prospects Hedd degree verification service is based on your consent (see UK GDPR Article 6(1)(a)).

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## PURPOSE 4 - PUBLICATIONS

### Jisc publishes statistics about students in higher education.

Part of Jisc's role is to produce and publish information about higher education in the public interest. This includes Accredited Official Statistics publications (<https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/about-the-authority/uk-statistical-system/types-of-official-statistics/>) and online business intelligence and research services.

When producing this material for publication, Jisc applies a disclosure control, the [HESA Standard Rounding Methodology](#), to ensure that no Personal Data is included and that individuals cannot be identified from published material.

#### Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 4

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## PURPOSE 5 – OTHER RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL PROCESSING PURPOSES

**HESA Information is used for research and statistical processing purposes relating to higher education and the student population. Jisc may share HESA Information with other third parties where there's a legitimate or public interest in doing so. Information is not shared on a named basis with the exception of the processing undertaken by DfE (below).**

Examples of use for this purpose include:

- Provision of information to students and prospective students
- Equal opportunities monitoring
- Research - this may be academic, commercial, journalistic or personal
- Statistical processing including the production of visualisation products, analytical products and bespoke data extracts and reports
- Journalism and media research e.g. league tables, higher education comparison websites and articles about higher education
- Creation, development and operation of analysis tools, for example, [Heidi Plus](#) and [Interactive Insights](#) and other products and services for the benefit of higher education providers and the sector

Users to whom information may be supplied for Purpose 5 include:

- Higher education sector bodies
- Higher education providers
- Schools and further education providers
- Academic researchers and students
- Commercial organisations (e.g. recruiters, housing providers, graduate employers)
- Unions
- Non-governmental organisations and charities
- Local, regional, national and international government bodies
- Journalists, media and public relations organisations

Information supplied by Jisc to third parties within Purpose 5 is supplied under contracts which require that individuals shall not be identified from the supplied information, and this means that they also cannot use it to make decisions about you.

Each agreement specifies the duration for which data may be processed. This is usually one year but may be longer, if necessary, for the specific research purpose.

Each request for HESA Information under Purpose 5 is assessed for its compliance with data protection legislation and its compatibility with this collection notice. Jisc ensures that only the minimum amount of HESA Information necessary for the specified research purpose is supplied to users. If the supplied information is to be published the [HESA Rounding Methodology](#) or an equivalent disclosure control must be applied to ensure that individuals cannot be identified from the published material. This means that the rounded data does not constitute personal data.

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## DfE Data Sharing Service

If you are a student at a provider in England, HESA Information may be linked to school and/or further education college information and supplied or linked to researchers' data through the [Office for National Statistics Secure Research Service \('ONS SRS'\)](#). In some cases, HESA Information may be shared with researchers directly following this linking activity. This onward sharing to researchers is provided by the [DfE Data Sharing Service](#). DfE are the Controller of the data processed as part of the provision of this service. Copies of the 'Agreement for the Supply of Linked Data' and of the 'Agreement for Making Linked Data available in ONS SRS' can be requested from [data.sharing@education.gov.uk](mailto:data.sharing@education.gov.uk).

## DfE Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO)

Your HESA Information may be linked to school, college, employment, tax and benefits data by the DfE and may be supplied to researchers by the DfE through the [Office for National Statistics Secure Research Service](#). More information is available from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/longitudinal-education-outcomes-study-how-we-use-and-share-data>.

Other data controllers (listed under Purpose 1 above) may also process data for this purpose where this is necessary to fulfil their public functions.

### Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 5

Processing of your HESA Information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (See UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

Processing is also necessary for the legitimate interests of Jisc and third parties in carrying out the activities covered by Purpose 5. (See UK GDPR Article 6(1)(f)).

Processing of Special Categories of data is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (Article 9(2)(g), UK GDPR and paragraph 8, part 2, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018); and necessary for statistical and research purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) and research purposes based on the duties in the Equality Act 2010, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, or the Digital Economy Act 2017 or equivalent subsequent legislation, or for other research purposes (Article 9(2)(j), UK GDPR, and paragraph 4, part 1, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018).

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## PURPOSE 6 – STUDENTS ON PRIMARY MEDICAL QUALIFICATION COURSES ONLY

**If you are a student studying for a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) Jisc will collect additional data about you at the request of the General Medical Council (GMC), who will use it for the purposes set out below. Jisc will initially be undertaking this collection as Processor. Should Jisc become a Controller of this data, Jisc may also use this data for purposes 2 to 5 and 8.**

The GMC is a body with statutory responsibilities for the education, training, and regulation of medical practitioners in the UK. These responsibilities are set out in the Medical Act 1983.

The GMC will use data for the purposes of:

- Promoting, maintaining and improving high standards of medical education and training in the UK.
- Undertaking research that will allow the GMC to co-ordinate policy across all stages of medical education, including selection to medical school, undergraduate education, postgraduate education, and medical practice. This research is only possible with high quality measures of school performance. More information about how GMC use your data in research projects can be found here: [https://www.ukmed.ac.uk/fag#for\\_doctors\\_and\\_medical\\_students](https://www.ukmed.ac.uk/fag#for_doctors_and_medical_students)
- The GMC will not use the data collected by Jisc to make decisions about individual students or doctors.

### Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 6

Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 6 is determined by GMC as Controller. More information about how the GMC uses personal data, and its lawful basis for doing so, can be found here <https://www.gmc-uk.org/privacy-and-cookies>.

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## PURPOSE 7 – STUDENTS WHOSE INFORMATION IS RETURNED TO JISC ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS

**If you are a student studying at a higher education provider which has elected to return your data on a voluntary basis Jisc will use this data for purposes 2 to 5 and 8. If this purpose applies in relation to your higher education provider, your provider should inform you of this.**

Sometimes an HE provider's circumstances change so that it isn't compulsory for it to submit student data to Jisc. In this case, the HE provider and Jisc (following consultation with relevant HE funding and regulatory bodies) might agree to continue to allow the return of data by the provider for their students where this is considered to be in the public interest. Should the status of the provider change so that it becomes compulsory to submit student data to Jisc, this will be collected under Purpose 1.

### **Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 7**

Processing of your HESA Information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (see UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

Processing of Special Categories of data is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (Article 9(2)(g), UK GDPR and paragraph 8, part 2, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018); and necessary for statistical and research purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) and research purposes based on the duties in the Equality Act 2010, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, or the Digital Economy Act 2017 or equivalent subsequent legislation, or for other research purposes (Article 9(2)(j), UK GDPR, and paragraph 4, part 1, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018).

## PURPOSE 8 – USE BY JISC TO PERFORM ITS ROLE AS DESIGNATED DATA BODY FOR ENGLAND AND ITS EQUIVALENT ROLES FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

**As the designated data body for England, Jisc has a statutory obligation to collect and publish information about higher education. Jisc fulfils a similar role in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland where it collects data at the request of, and in exercise of statutory powers of, the respective government or statutory bodies of the devolved nations.**

In fulfilling its data body and equivalent roles, Jisc processes your HESA Information as part of a larger statistical dataset for the following purposes: To:

- Create derived fields to enrich data utility and insights of Jisc data
- Contextualise the use of Jisc data
- Research and understand progression through higher education. This may include linking to survey responses provided in the future as part of the Graduate Outcomes survey: <https://www.graduateoutcomes.ac.uk/> and to other datasets for example college data
- Quality assure data and to remove anomalies and improve data accuracy. This may include processing personal data in the context of providing bespoke training to higher education providers to provide analysis and improve data quality
- Research into data quality and the sector's reliance on time series data
- Check it against information submitted to UCAS to improve data accuracy
- Check it against information submitted to National Student Survey (NSS) to improve data accuracy
- To review how changes and improvements can be made to Jisc's processing including systems and software and the implications that this would have on the data it produces

### Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 8

Processing of your HESA Information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (See UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

Processing of Special Categories of data is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (Article 9(2)(g), UK GDPR and paragraph 8, part 2, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018); and necessary for statistical and research purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) and research purposes based on the duties in the Equality Act 2010, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, or the Digital Economy Act 2017 or equivalent subsequent legislation, or for other research purposes (Article 9(2)(j), UK GDPR, and paragraph 4, part 1, schedule 1, Data Protection Act 2018).

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## LINKING OF YOUR HESA INFORMATION TO OTHER INFORMATION

**HESA Information is sometimes linked to other data sources to enable more detailed research and analysis.**

As indicated above, where Jisc and organisations covered by Purposes 1 & 2 use HESA Information this may include linking named or pseudonymised HESA Information to other information for research and data validation purposes. Examples include linking to:

- [National Student Survey](#) data – to place the results of this survey in context.
- [School and Further Education](#) data – to research progression to higher education.
- [Student Loans Company](#) data – to research the use of student finance and to create/validate fields relating to socioeconomic disadvantage.
- [Student Awards Agency Scotland](#) data - the creation/validity of data fields relating to socioeconomic disadvantage.
- Qualification awarding bodies data – to research the value and outcomes of qualifications.
- Employment, tax, and benefits data – to research the earnings of graduates and to better understand the outcomes of education (Guidance on the use of HESA records matched to tax, benefits and employment data is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/longitudinal-education-outcomes-study-how-we-use-and-share-data>).
- [UCAS](#) data – to understand entry rates to higher education.
- UCAS and Higher Education Career Services Unit (HECSU) data – to deliver an information service to support students and prospective students make informed and effective study and career choices.

**Medical students** - If you are a medical student your HESA Information may be included in the UKMED research database ([www.ukmed.ac.uk](http://www.ukmed.ac.uk)). The General Medical Council is the Controller for this database used for researching doctors' progression through their education and training.

**Widening participation programmes** - If you have participated in programmes designed to widen participation in higher education, your HESA Information may be linked to data held by these programmes for research purposes. This may include [Higher Education Access Tracker \(HEAT\)](#), [East Midlands Widening Participation Research and Evaluation Partnership \(EMWPREP\)](#) and [Aimhigher West Midlands \(AHWM\)](#).

**Destinations information for schools and colleges** – If you attended a school or college in England or Wales linked data may be disclosed by organisations covered by Purposes 1 & 2 to the last school or college you attended (or its successor body) and to Ofsted or Estyn in the exercise of their official authority to enable them to assess the outcomes of secondary education.

Where Jisc provides information from your HESA Information to third parties under Purpose 5, the permitted processing of the information by a third party may include linking HESA Information to other information held by the third party. Permission is considered on a case-by-case basis. It is only given where the linking is for the purposes outlined in Purpose 5 and subject to the requirement not to carry out linking to identify individuals.

## STUDENT AND LEAVER SURVEYS

**You may be asked to provide information about your experience as a student and your activities after you graduate as part of national surveys.**

Your contact details may be passed to survey contractors to carry out the [National Student Survey \(NSS\)](#), other surveys of students' views about their study, and surveys of student finances, on behalf of some of the organisations listed under Purposes 1 & 2 above.

Your provider will hold your contact details after you graduate in order for you to be contacted to complete the [Graduate Outcomes survey](#). Your contact details will be passed to Jisc and the organisation(s) contracted by Jisc to assist it to undertake the Graduate Outcomes survey. Jisc's contractors will only use your contact details for the survey and will delete them when the survey is closed. Jisc may hold your contact details for further Graduate Outcomes surveys or administration of the survey data where these are in the public interest. Your responses to the Graduate Outcomes survey will be made available to your provider, and your provider may choose to add additional questions to the survey for their own use.

Further privacy and data protection information will be provided if you are contacted for any of these surveys. The privacy information for Graduate Outcomes is available on the [Graduate Outcomes website](#). You might also be contacted as part of an audit to check that a survey has been undertaken properly.

### Legal basis for processing your information to conduct national surveys

Processing of your information to conduct the student and graduate surveys is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Jisc (See UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

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## FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT RECIPIENTS OF YOUR HESA INFORMATION

Jisc publishes a register containing information relating to the recipients to whom we disclose data for statistical purposes. The live register can be found here:  
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## DATA TRANSFERS TO OTHER COUNTRIES

**Your HESA Information may be transferred to countries outside the UK and the European Union for the purposes described above.**

Your HESA Information will only be transferred to countries whose data protection laws have been assessed as adequate, or where adequate safeguards (in almost all cases, standard data protection clauses), are in place to protect your HESA Information. To obtain a copy of these safeguards, please contact [dataprotection@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@jisc.ac.uk).

## YOUR RIGHTS

Data protection legislation gives you rights over your personal data. Your rights will depend on the lawful basis being relied upon to process your data and are limited in certain circumstances. We've summarised them below, but you may also find the [guidance published by the Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO), helpful. The ICO is the regulator for data protection law in the UK.

You have the right to:

- Be informed about how and why we are processing your personal data
- Access and obtain a copy of your personal data
- Have inaccurate data rectified and incomplete personal data completed
- Object to our processing of your personal data
- Request we restrict the processing of your personal data
- Request the erasure of your personal data
- Withdraw consent for us to process your personal data

As outlined in this notice, Jisc relies on different lawful bases to undertake different data processing activities. These are public task, legitimate interests and consent. Your rights vary across these bases.

## Further information about us and how to contact us

Jisc is a not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee, registered in England.

- Company number: 05747339
- Charity number in England and Wales: 1149740, in Scotland: SC053607
- ICO registration number: Z9546606
- Registered office: 4 Portwell Lane, Bristol, BS1 6NB

JSL is also a company registered in England and limited by guarantee. JSL has the same staff and offices as Jisc.

- Company number: 02881024
- ICO registration number: ZB729749



Jisc has a data protection officer who can be contacted at [dataprotection@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@jisc.ac.uk). You can also contact the Privacy team at this email address if you have any questions or would like to exercise any of your personal data rights.

## Complaints

If you're unhappy with the way we've dealt with an information rights request, you should first submit your complaint to the Privacy team. We'd like the opportunity to respond and hopefully resolve matters. If you remain dissatisfied and believe your legal rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the ICO.

The ICO ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)) publishes information, help and guidance about your rights and how to exercise them. You may wish to contact the ICO's helpline on 0303 123 1113, use their live chat service or email them for assistance with a data protection complaint. You could also write to the ICO at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



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