

The Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited (HESA) is the body responsible for collecting and disseminating information about higher education in the UK and the designated data body for England (see _____ information). HESA is a Controller of your information.

notice relates to information about you which will be collected by your provider and passed to HESA and to other organisations as described below.

This notice is applicable to the 2022/23 academic year. It is also applicable to data collected in previous academic years and retained by HESA. See *Categories of information submitted to HESA, including Special Categories of data*, below, for more information about the categories of data that will be collected in 2021/22 and that have been collected in previous years.

HOW TO READ THIS PRIVACY NOTICE

Please click the headings for information. Each section has key information in bold text.

Further detail is provided in normal text.

REVIEW AND UPDATES TO THIS NOTICE

This notice sets out information about HESA and other Controllers of your data, how and why they process your data, the legal bases for this processing, and your rights under data protection legislation. This notice is regularly reviewed and updated, for example when organisations change their name, 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 <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/fpn>.

THIRD PARTY PRIVACY INFORMATION

Throughout this privacy notice we will link to the privacy documentation of the organisations with whom we share your information.

We will hyperlink the relevant privacy notices throughout to enable you to see how each page, simply click on the name of the organisation within each section.

SUBMISSION OF YOUR INFORMATION TO HESA

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

HESA is an official source of data about UK higher education. HESA is a registered charity and operates on a not-for-profit basis.

Your HESA information is used for a variety of purposes by HESA and by third parties as described below. HESA may charge other organisations to whom it provides services and

Student Record	Student Alternative Record (formerly known as AP Student Record)	Initial Teacher Training Record (ITT)
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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 HESA (see 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 (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 2 NAMED DATA USED FOR PUBLIC FUNCTIONS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

HESA 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

HESA also acts as an information hub to provide information on higher education. In England, this is undertaken your HESA information with public authorities who 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 HESA and the public authorities. 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 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 HESA. These organisations will not use the data for the purposes of distinguishing your individual record or to take decisions about you, except as described in Purpose 3 below. These organisations may retain HESA information indefinitely for statistical and research purposes, or for fixed terms depending on the terms of their data sharing agreements with HESA.

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

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- x National Health Service bodies and organisations working with them e.g. [Health Education England](#), [Department of Health and Social Care](#) and [NHS Education Scotland](#)
- x [General Medical Council](#)
- x [UCAS](#)
- x [Office for National Statistics](#)

and any successor bodies. Further Controllers may be added to the list from time to time please see the online version of this notice at www.hesa.ac.uk/fpn.

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:

- x 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](#).
- x Production of statistics and statistical research undertaken by [National Records of Scotland](#) and the [Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency](#).
- x Monitoring of public expenditure by the [National Audit Office](#).

The above list of organisations who may receive your HESA information will be subject to change over time. For example, HESA 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 HESA. The above list will be updated on the HESA website at <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/fpn> from time to time, and you will need to monitor this link yourself if you wish to be aware of changes.

Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 2

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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 HESA (See GDPR Article 6(1)(e)).

PURPOSE 4 - HESA PUBLICATIONS

HESA publishes statistics about students in higher education.

the public interest. This includes Official and National 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, HESA applies its 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 6 STUDENTS ON PRIMARY MEDICAL QUALIFICATION COURSES ONLY

If you are a student studying for a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) HESA 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. HESA will initially be undertaking this collection as Processor. Should HESA become a Controller of this data, HESA 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:

- x Promoting, maintaining and improving high standards of medical education and training in the UK.
- x 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:
- x https://www.ukmed.ac.uk/faq#for_doctors_and_medical_students
- x The GMC will not use the data collected by HESA 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 data 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>.

PURPOSE 7 STUDENTS WHOSE INFORMATION IS RETURNED TO HESA 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 HESA 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.

submit student data to HESA. In this case, the HE provider and HESA (following consultation with relevant Statutory Customers) 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 HESA, this will be collected under Purpose 1.

Legal basis for processing your information for Purpose 7

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

Your HESA information is processed by HESA to collect, compile, publish and share data in accordance with this notice. This processing will include processing for

You have the right to be informed about how your personal data is used. This Student collection notice is regularly reviewed to ensure that it accurately describes how your HESA information is used. This notice may be updated from time to time, for example when new legislation is enacted, or when new policies are implemented by the public authorities listed under Purposes 1 & 2. The most up to date version can always be found at www.hesa.ac.uk/fpn.

Protection Officer please see www.hesa.ac.uk/dataprot. If you have questions about how your HESA information is used, please contact data.protection@hesa.ac.uk.

Under the GDPR you have the right of access to your personal information and the right to rectify inaccurate information; the right to erasure; restrict processing; and object to processing. These rights are limited in certain circumstances. If you www.hesa.ac.uk/fpn