

HESA Data Collection Notice

How and why we share your student data with Jisc

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About HESA and Jisc

Jisc runs the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) data collections and is the designated data body for higher education in England, appointed under the Higher Education and Research Act 2017. It collects information about students from every higher education provider in the UK on behalf of its statutory customers, which include the Office for Students and the Department for Education. The information is used to produce official statistics, to regulate and fund providers, to publish course information for applicants and for research in the public interest.

Why we send your data

Like every registered provider, we are required by law to send certain information about our students to Jisc. This is a condition of our registration with the Office for Students, and it is not something we or you can opt out of. Once we submit the data, Jisc becomes a controller of it, as do the organisations Jisc shares it with.

We rely on Article 6(1)(c) and Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR, legal obligation and public task, together with Article 9(2)(g) and Article 9(2)(j) for the special category data described below.

How your data reaches Jisc

This depends on who you are registered with. If you are not sure, please ask us.

- **Pearson Higher National students.** You are registered as our student, and we make the annual return to Jisc ourselves.
- **Leeds Trinity University and Plymouth Marjon University students.** You are registered as a student of the university. We pass your details to the university, and it includes you in its own return with us recorded as your teaching provider. The university's privacy notice covers that return.

What we send

The return covers your contact details and student identifiers, personal characteristics such as ethnicity, disability and nationality, your qualifications on entry, your course and modules, your engagement and progress, your results and award, and your fee and funding arrangements.

Some of this is special category data, and it is collected so that the sector can monitor equality of opportunity and identify gaps in student outcomes. Where a field is optional you can choose not to answer, and that will not affect your studies or the support available to you.

Surveys

When you complete a qualification with us, your contact details will be passed to Jisc so that you can be invited to take part in the Graduate Outcomes survey, which runs around fifteen months later. You may also be contacted about the National Student Survey and other national surveys. Taking part is always voluntary, and the organisations running the surveys use your details only for that purpose and then delete them.

Read the full notices

Jisc publishes the full account of what it does with your information, who it shares it with and how long it keeps it. Where those notices refer to “we”, “us” or “your provider”, that means Results Consortium, or your university partner if you are registered with one.

- Student and Graduate Outcomes collection notices: hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/notices
- Register of organisations Jisc releases data to: hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/register

Jisc updates these notices every summer, so the version on its website is always the current one.

Your rights and how to contact us

You can ask for a copy of the information we hold about you, ask us to correct anything that is wrong, or object to how your data is used. Some of these rights are limited where we are under a legal duty to submit and retain the information, or where it is held for statistical and research purposes.

Contact the Data Protection Officer at dpo@resultsco.org.uk. Our Privacy Notice and Information Management and Data Protection Policy explain how we use your information in more detail.