

Data Protection Statement for sponsors

This statement sets out who will use the information you have provided in connection with the applicant's application for student finance and what they will use it for.

The information which you give will be used to process student finance applications for persons dependent on you. The Welsh Ministers have transferred certain functions relating to student finance applications to the Student Loans Company (SLC).

This Data Protection Statement applies generally to all sponsors of applicants. The specific details are set out below.

SLC will need the information provided in connection with the application to determine whether applicants dependent on you are eligible for student finance and to assess the maximum amount of financial support they are entitled to. SLC are data controllers for this information. The Welsh Ministers are also a data controller for this information as they are responsible for it by law. However, if you want to see this information please contact SLC.

By law, SLC and the applicant's university or college must protect the public funds they handle and may use the information you have provided to detect and prevent fraud. SLC may also share the information with other Government bodies such as HMRC, DWP and HMPO and may contact your employer to verify its accuracy and to prevent and detect fraud. SLC may also share the information with other bodies, such as third parties with whom they have contracted to carry out ID, Residency and Income checks, for this purpose, and with HM Revenue & Customs to check declared income levels. If false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is identified, details will be passed to fraud prevention and law enforcement agencies to prevent fraud and money laundering.

SLC will need to keep personal information about you, your partner and your relatives so that it can audit its assessment of financial support. If you would like to see your information please contact SLC.

SLC will have shared access to account information to provide customer services to you and to respond to your questions and update information on your account.

SLC will need information provided in connection with the applicant's application to handle payments, as appropriate and is the data controller for this information. SLC will have to keep personal information about you for this purpose.

SLC may also use your information to maintain or develop its systems.

The applicant's university or college may ask for financial information that you provide in connection with the applicant's application for student finance for bursary administration purposes from SLC or the Welsh Ministers. This information will only be shared where you have consented for the information being shared for bursary administration purposes.

In this instance, the university or college will be the data controller of the information and will use it to assess eligibility and make payment of any bursary or scholarship to which the applicant may be entitled. If you would like to see this information please contact the applicant's university or college.

The Welsh Ministers may use the information you have provided to monitor the performance of the student finance system and to develop future policies or initiatives. Any published output from this statistical work will be anonymous and will not identify individuals.

The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) and the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) which carries out certain functions on behalf of HEFCW may, in carrying out HEFCW's statutory functions relating to the funding of education, use the information provided for statistical analysis. HESA and HEFCW will not identify individuals in any published results.