

EU Sponsors - Data Protection Act 1998

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 Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, if the applicant's place of study is in England, the Welsh Ministers, if the applicant's place of study is in Wales or the Department for Employment and Learning, if the applicant's place of study is in Northern Ireland has 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, to assess the maximum amount of financial support they are entitled to, to make payments as appropriate and to maintain your account. SLC will retain this information to provide customer services to you, to respond to your questions and update information on your account. SLC will keep personal information about you, your partner and your relatives so that it can audit its assessment of financial support.

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

SLC is the data controller for this information. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (if you study in England), the Welsh Ministers (if you study in Wales) and the Department for Employment and Learning (if you study in Northern Ireland) are also joint data controllers for this information as they are responsible for it by law. If you would like to see your information in any case, please contact SLC.

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, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, if your place of study is in England, the Welsh Ministers, if your place of study is in Wales or the Department for Employment and Learning, if your place of study is in Northern Ireland. 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 Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) (if you take up a place of study in England), the Welsh Ministers (if you take up a place of study in Wales) and the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) (if you take up a place of study in Northern Ireland) will have access to your account information to provide customer services to you and may use the information you have provided on this form to monitor the performance of the student finance system and to develop future policy. Any published output from this statistical work will be anonymous and will not identify individuals.

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

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 prevent and detect fraud. They may also share the information, for the same purposes, with other organisations which handle public funds.