

PLD Applicant and Student Privacy Notice

How we use your personal data

The University needs to collect and process personal data in order to provide services to applicants, students, manage its operations effectively and meet certain legal requirements.

What is Personal Data?

“Personal data” means any information which relates to or identifies you as an individual.

Purpose of this Notice

This Notice explains how we will collect and use your personal data.

Liverpool Hope University is the Data Controller for personal data that we process about you. The University is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner’s Office and manages personal data in accordance with the University’s Data Protection Policy.

Throughout this Notice, “University”, “we”, “our” and “us” refers to Liverpool Hope University and “you” and “your” refers to those expressing an interest in becoming a student at the University both prior to and at formal application stage”, together with those who later become a registered student at the University.

Anything you are not clear about please contact our Data Protection Officer who can answer any queries you may have concerning this Notice or in any way that we process your personal data. Our Data Protection Officer’s contact details can be found at the end of this Notice.

Where does the University get your personal data from?

- For applicants to PLD courses:

The University will use the details you provide on your application and/or registration form together with any supporting documents and additional details provided by any referee and recorded following any interview process. For certain courses (notably those leading to professional qualifications), we may also conduct screening checks for safeguarding purposes. If you provide any information about relevant unspent criminal convictions during the application process, we will use this information as described in the [Criminal Convictions and Studying at the University Policy](#).

- For students on PLD courses:

From when you provide your contact details when making enquiries or to request further information from us, make an application or enrol as a student;

- From third party sources (such as other institutions or Government Departments involved in the delivery of joint programmes). Where we obtain personal data from third party sources, we will look to ensure that the third party has lawful authority to provide us with your personal data;
- From you when you disclose personal data during the course of your studies or when accessing services or resources (e.g. careers advice, counselling, financial support).
- Data that we and our staff generate about you, such as during tutorials and in connection with your attendance.

What personal data will be processed?

The University will collect and use your personal data for the purposes set out further below. The usual categories of personal data we expect to process about you include (but are not limited to):

- The details you provided on your application form (such as your name, home address, date of birth, course studied, fee payments, and information about your examinations, assessments and results)
- Any supporting documents requested as part of your admission and additional details provided by any referees and recorded following any interview process.
- Records about your studies at Liverpool Hope University,
- Details about your use of the academic and non-academic facilities and services that we offer.
- Where you inform us of a health condition or disability, we will take this information into account when considering whether to make a reasonable adjustment under equality law and in other cases where we are legally required to;
- Data about you that we have to collect by law (for example where UK immigration law requires us to record information about you, or to report it to the immigration authorities);
- Details of any relevant criminal convictions, allegations or charges that we ask you to declare to us either when you apply to us, or whilst you are a student, or which are reported to us, and of any Disclosure and Barring Service checks that we request. Relevant criminal convictions or charges are those that indicate an applicant or student might pose an unacceptable risk to other students or staff.

- Information that you voluntarily provide to us about any disabilities or health conditions you have, and about your age, ethnicity, gender, religion and belief, and/or sexual orientation. You may also provide this information to us as part of the equality monitoring that we undertake pursuant to our legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010;

Your personal information is created, stored and transmitted securely in a variety of paper and electronic formats, including databases that are shared between the University (such as the main student records database, SITS). Access to your personal information is limited to University staff who have a legitimate interest in it for the purpose of carrying out their contractual duties, and our use of your personal information will not be excessive.

What is the purpose and legal basis of the processing?

The University will process the personal information provided on your application and the other information referred to above for the purposes of identifying you, processing your application, verifying the information provided, deciding whether to offer you a place for the course you have applied for, and communicating that outcome (together with any feedback).

We may also use or disclose the information provided for the following statutory or public interest purposes:

- ✦ To prevent or detect fraud.
- ✦ For equality and diversity monitoring.
- ✦ To help us to make reasonable adjustments for any disability, as requested by you.
- ✦ To allow us to consider any future accommodation requirements.
- ✦ To provide statutory returns required by applicable legislation.
- ✦ For research and statistical purposes, but no information which could identify you will be published.

The University collects and processes a broad range about personal data about you in order to deliver our services to you as a student, manage our operations effectively and meet certain legal requirements. Examples of such services include our student support services, attendance monitoring and Library facilities.

In addition to the above, we set out in Appendix 1 of this Notice the other purposes for which we will process your personal data, together with the legal basis for doing so and the categories of third parties with whom we share your personal data with.

What about any Special Category Data?

The University may process some information about you that is classed as ‘special category’ personal data, and which requires additional protections. This includes information concerning your ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or health/disability that we use for planning and monitoring purposes, or in order to provide care, help or suitable adjustments. For certain courses of study, other sensitive information may be processed, such as information about past criminal convictions, working with children or vulnerable adults, and your fitness to practise in certain regulated professions. Access to, and the sharing of, your ‘special category’ personal data are controlled very carefully. You will normally be given further details about our use of any such data when we collect it from you.

When you register with us, you have the option not to provide certain types of special category data.

Who will my personal data be shared with?

As described above, your personal information is shared with relevant University staff as required. In addition, it is shared as permitted or required by law, on a considered and confidential basis, with a range of external organisations

Home Office; UK Visas and Immigration	To fulfil the University’s obligations as a visa sponsor.
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)	Required for certain roles to assess an individual’s suitability for positions of trust or where the role works with vulnerable people or children.
Office for Students and UK Research and Innovation	Data submitted for the Research Excellence Framework (REF) which is a system for assessing the quality of research in Higher Education.
HM Revenues and Customs (HMRC)	Real time information released to HMRC in order to collect Income Tax and National Insurance contributions from employees.
Students’ Union	There is an implied statutory expectation that we will pass your data to the students’ union (for membership purposes) unless you have chosen to opt out of its membership in order to facilitate your membership of those bodies.
Higher Education Statistics Agency	See HESA’s statement about the uses made by them of your personal information published at https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/notices).

Any relevant professional or statutory regulatory bodies.	
Third Party Services	To facilitate activities of the University [including activities that are carried out by third-party service providers such as lawyers, accountants and IT providers etc.]. Any transfer will be subject to an appropriate, formal agreement between the University and the third-party service provider.
Your funders and/or sponsors (e.g. the Student Loans Company).	To facilitate payments
The providers of any external/collaborative learning and training placements or fieldwork opportunities	
External examiners and assessors, and external individuals	To facilitate the involvement of those in relevant University committees or procedures.
Local authorities On occasion and where necessary, the police and other law enforcement agencies.	To assist with the administration of students' exemption from Council Tax.

How is my personal data used after I complete my course?

After you graduate a core record of your studies is retained indefinitely so that the details of your academic achievements can be confirmed and for statistical or historical research. Your contact and core personal details are passed to the Alumni office while you are still a student so that you can be added to the alumni database. Alumni and supporters will receive their own statement setting out how their personal information is used by the University at the appropriate time.

Retention of your personal data

We store your personal information for as long as necessary to complete the application process. If you are successful, your information will be kept as part of your student record for the duration of your studies (and it may be used as part of our assessment of any future application

you make for further studies). If you are unsuccessful, or decline an offer of a place, your information will normally be kept [for at least 3 years after the completion of the application process]. Information about how long different types of information are retained by the University is available [here](#).

Unwanted communication

We will from time to time communicate with you by email, post, telephone and text. If at any stage you are concerned about the content of these communications, e.g. unwanted marketing information, then:

- please follow any available unsubscribes links or instructions in the communications; or
- contact our Data Protection Officer.

Automated individual decision making, including profiling

This is where we may make decisions automatically about you without human intervention. We use your personal data to conduct other automated individual decision making and profiling as outlined at Appendix 1. Appendix 1 also provides where you can go to find out further information on the logic behind our decisions as well as the significance and consequences of our decisions. If you are still finding it difficult to locate or understand this information please contact the Data Protection Officer who will help you further.

Transfers to third party countries

Sometimes to achieve the purposes for which we are processing your personal data we may need to share your personal data with other organisation based within the European Union or if outside the European Union based in countries that have comparable levels of protection.

When it is necessary to share your data outside of the European Union, we will ensure that there are appropriate safeguards in place.

Your rights as a Data Subject

We thought it would be helpful to set out your rights under GDPR. You have the right to:

- withdraw consent where that is the legal basis of our processing;
- access your personal data that we process;
- rectify inaccuracies in personal data that we hold about you;
- be forgotten, that is your details to be removed from systems that we use to process your personal data;
- restrict the processing in certain ways;
- obtain a copy of your data in a commonly used electronic form; and
- object to certain processing of your personal data by us.

Please see <https://ico.org.uk/> for further information on the above rights. You may also contact the Data Protection Officer for further information. You have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office about the way in which we process your personal data. Please see <https://ico.org.uk/>.

For any further information relating to Liverpool Hopes Data Protection Policy please access this here:
<https://www.hope.ac.uk/media/gateway/studentgateway/itservices/documents/Data%20Protection%20Policy%2025Jul18.pdf>

Concerns and contact details

If you have any concerns with regard to the way your personal data is being processed or have a query with regard to this Notice, please contact our Data Protection Officer at legalservices@hope.ac.uk

Our general postal address is Liverpool Hope University, Hope Park, Liverpool, L16 9JD.

Our telephone number is +44 (0)151 2913478.

Are changes made to this document?

This Notice was last updated on Tuesday 13th June 2023. It is reviewed when necessary and at least annually. Any changes will be published here and you will be notified via this webpage and/or by email.

Appendix 1

Overview of Reasons for Processing Personal Data

Specific Purposes	Legal Basis
Management of enquiries with prospective students and communication of information about our services, events and activities.	Consent to receive such communications.
Correspondence with offer holders regarding the next steps in the application and enrolment processes.	Necessary for the purpose of entering into a contract of study with students.
Processing of applications for study and enrolment as a student which can include the processing of criminal convictions data and DBS checks.	Necessary to comply with a legal obligation
Administration of induction events, registration of students on courses and transfers to new courses.	Necessary for performance of a contract.
Evaluation of academic assessments and other course work.	Necessary for performance of a contract
To offer and provide additional support services such as careers advice, counselling services, financial advice and access to sporting activities.	Access to these services are optional and thereby consent is relied upon for any processing necessary to deliver the services. The University will obtain explicit consent where special category data must be obtained to deliver the service.
Processing of safeguarding concerns to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students.	Necessary to legitimate interests of the Hope Community.

Monitoring student attendance at lessons, the submission of assessment and engagement with course material available on Moodle.	Necessary for legitimate interest.
To offer facilities and services central to your studies such as Library access and computing access.	Necessary for performance of a contract
Granting of academic awards (including the publication of awards, marks and inclusion in pass lists).	Necessary for the performance of a task in the public interest, namely the provision of higher education.
Processing and recovery of University fees, including course and accommodation fees.	Necessary for the performance of the University's contract with students.
To monitor our compliance with equalities legislation.	Legitimate purpose of seeking to widen access to higher education, encourage diversity amongst the student body, provide appropriate support and comply with the University's obligations under the Equality Act 2010.
Registration as a member of University alumni upon graduation. Your data as an alumni member will be processed in accordance with the University's alumni privacy notice.	Necessary for legitimate interests of the University's relationship with former students.
Monitoring of use of IT services in accordance with our Acceptable Use Policy.	Legitimate purpose of ensuring network security.
Administration of financial awards and prizes such as scholarships, bursaries and grants, including grants and scholarships provided by third parties.	Legitimate purpose of administering financial support for students.
Administration of financial aid, such as hardship funding and loans.	Legitimate purpose of administering financial support for students.
To prevent or detect fraud.	Necessary to comply with a legal obligation
To help us to make reasonable adjustments for any disability, as requested by you.	Necessary for legitimate interests of both the University and the Student.
To allow us to consider any future accommodation requirements.	Necessary for the performance of a contract
To provide statutory returns required by applicable legislation	Necessary for a legal obligation

Administration of external and internal student surveys, including collection of feedback on distinct services such as Library services, SDW and Careers services.	Consent from students who complete the surveys.
Administration of complaints, investigations and disciplinary proceedings concerning student misconduct, including investigations into academic misconduct in accordance with University procedures.	Necessary to comply with Regulatory obligations
Administration of academic appeals issued by students and other complaints brought against the University.	Necessary to comply with regulatory obligations.
For research and statistical analysis into Learner Analytics.	Legitimate purpose of analysing student data to help make informed decisions which can lead to improved student satisfaction, retention and attainment.
Production of statistical returns required by certain third-party bodies e.g. the Higher Education Statistics Agency.	Necessary for performance of a task in the public interest, namely research and analysis into higher education access and performance.
Production of student identification cards.	Necessary for performance of a contract.
Assessment and provision of support services to students, including the provision of disability support services and study support services.	Legitimate purpose of providing appropriate support to students based on their needs.
Administration of the University CCTV system in accordance with the University's CCTV policy .	Legitimate purpose of providing a safe University environment, facilitate prevention and detection of crime and assist with investigation into potential breaches of University regulations and policies.
Audio recording of lectures in accordance with our Lecture Capture Policy.	Necessary for performance of a contract.

Personal Data Released to Third Parties For the Following Purposes	
To professional and industrial bodies wishing to communicate with students about career opportunities and membership of their body and also where relevant to confirm your qualifications and accredit your course.	Consent of students or necessary for performance of a contract of study in circumstances where membership of professional body necessary condition of study.
To external agents of the University in relation to the repayment of student debts, where internal recovery attempts have proved unsuccessful.	Legitimate purpose of recovering student debts.
To employers funding student course/programme.	Legitimate purpose of recovering student fees. Attendance and engagement data will be shared. Necessary to claim student fee. Consent of student required for any further information.
To any third party wishing to access a catalogue within the University's library containing reference to student work.	Legitimate purpose of providing open access to research and academic works where students have consented to publication of this work or are required to publish under the terms of any funding or sponsorship agreement.
To the Home Office and other international and national governmental and regulatory bodies in connection with the assessment of students' immigration status.	Necessary for compliance with legal obligations or for the performance of public tasks in the immigration context.
To other institutions the University jointly conducts research work with or contracts to conduct research work on behalf of the University.	Necessary for scientific research or statistical purposes.
To the University's insurers in respect of accidents or incidents occurring with the institution and external auditors and external regulators such as the Health and Safety Executive.	<p>Legitimate purpose of managing our insurance claims or reporting such incidents to regulators and auditors.</p> <p>Disclosures of sensitive personal data in this context will be made where explicit consent has been obtained, disclosure is in the substantial public interest or where necessary for establishment, exercise or defence of legal claim.</p>

Disclosures to grant funding bodies to evidence allocation of grant funding payments, including payments of salaries and contact details of students undertaking grant funded work.	Legitimate purpose of administering grant funds in accordance with funder requirements.
Disclosure to Student Loans Company and Student Finance to administer student fees and confirm enrolment on course and payment.	Necessary for performance of a task in the public interest, namely the proper administration of student funding support.
To local authorities for council tax assessment purposes or electoral purposes and for processing of care leaver bursaries.	Necessary for performance of task in the public interest, namely local authorities' functions of assessing council tax payments, supporting local authority care leavers and managing electoral services.
To IT providers delivering externally hosted IT services or products to the University such as Out of Hours IT Helpline and Careers Centre.	Legitimate purpose of providing students with modern IT solutions and services to support their studies.
To external agencies offering plagiarism checking services such as TurnItIn and other academic institutions to identify instances of collusion in relation to plagiarism misconduct.	Necessary for performance of a task in the public interest, namely provision of higher education services (necessary to maintain academic quality standards and integrity).