**Privacy Notice – Postgraduate Award (PGA) Scheme Consultation**

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**Why are you processing my personal information?**

The Department for the Economy (DfE) has launched a short consultation on options for the future of the DfE funded Postgraduate Award Scheme. We would welcome your views on these proposals and the information we collect from you will inform and further develop this work. As part of the survey, you will also be asked if you agree to be contacted via email by a member of the Department if further detail is needed to better understand your survey response – this is entirely optional.

Following closure of the consultation, responses will be analysed, and a summary Departmental response drafted and published. Personal data, such as names and email addresses, will not be published as part of this process. In addition, we do not intend to list any organisations that have responded to the consultation in any published report.

We will use the contact details provided to ensure each respondent receives a copy of the Departmental Response to the consultation at the end of the process.

Our lawful basis for collecting your personal data is that of public task, in accordance with Section 8 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 6(1) (e) of UK GDPR.

**What categories of personal data are you processing?**

The information we need to collect as part of the consultation is as follows:

* Name
* Status/category (i.e. individual, organisation, parents, or student)
* Organisation name
* Contact email address
* Opinions

**Where do you get my personal data from?**

You will provide us with your personal data when responding to the public consultation either when responding in a personal capacity or when responding on behalf of an organisation.

**Do you share my personal data with anyone else?**

We will not share your data with anyone else. DfE is using Delib as a data processor to help us deliver this consultation as it developed and manages the online consultation platform Citizen Space being used. We have a contract in place with them which means that they cannot do anything with your personal information unless we have instructed them to do it.

Information provided in response to this consultation, may be subject to publication or disclosure under access to information legislation (primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 2018 / UK General Data Protection Regulation).

For this reason you should identify in your response any information you do not wish to be disclosed and explain why this is the case.  Please note that an automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

If we receive a request for disclosure of this information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

**Do you transfer my personal data to other countries?**

No. We do not transfer data to another country.

**How long do you keep my personal data?**

We will retain your data for five years in line with the Department’s Retention and Disposal Schedule.

**Do you use my personal data to make an automated decision about me or for profiling?**

We will not use your personal data for automated decision making or individual profiling.

**What rights do I have?**

* You have the right to obtain confirmation that your data is being processed, and [access to your personal data](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-of-access/)
* You are entitled to have personal data [rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-rectification/).
* You have the right to [‘block’ or suppress processing](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-restrict-processing/) of personal data, in specific circumstances
* You have the right to [data portability](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-data-portability/), in specific circumstances
* You have the right to[object to the processing](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-object/)**,** in specific circumstances
* You have rights in relation to[automated decision making and profiling](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/rights-related-to-automated-decision-making-including-profiling/)

If these rights are applicable and you wish to exercise these please email: [DPO@economy-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DPO@economy-ni.gov.uk)

**How do I complain if I am not happy?**

If you are unhappy with how any aspect of this privacy notice, or how your personal information is being processed, please contact the Department’s Data Protection Officer at[**DPO@economy-ni.gov.uk**](mailto:DPO@economy-ni.gov.uk)

If you are still not happy, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO).

Contact details of the ICO are available at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>