

## Privacy notice – Admission to Further Education – Argyll College UHI

**The Data Controller of the information being collected is: Argyll College UHI, West Bay, Dunoon, PA23 7HP**

**For any queries or concerns about how your personal data is being processed you can contact the relevant Data Protection Officer at [dataprotectionofficer@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotectionofficer@uhi.ac.uk)**

**This privacy statement relates to the following processing:**

### Further Education – Admissions

This process is the means of applying to a Further Education programme of study at college. This process involves applicants providing data in order for staff at the colleges of the University of the Highlands and Islands to assess whether your application should be successful. Your data will be securely stored in the student records system (SITS).

The admissions process must be completed for each programme of study, unless you are already enrolled and progressing in a similar subject area; in these circumstances staff will follow the progression process.

If you are offered a place on a course and accept the offer, information you provide during the Admission process will be pre-populated into the form used during the Enrolment process. This process has its own Privacy Notice.

Applicant data is collected in the following ways, when you:

- Apply directly to the university through our online application form, which creates an applicant record on SITS
- Complete a paper or PDF application form and submit to us by email or post. Admissions staff manually create an applicant record and input this information into SITS

**Your information will be used for the following purposes:**

<b>Purpose 1: Academic matters</b>	Academic matters, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacting you in relation to the FE programme of study you have applied for</li> <li>• Assessing eligibility to be offered a place on one of our FE programmes of study</li> <li>• Maintaining student records (to ensure we have the correct data for prospective students)</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose 2: Student support</b>	Fulfilment of statutory obligations related to disability, protected characteristics and other priority groups. Providing student support services for those who wish to receive it.

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<b>Purpose 3: Fees and Funding</b>	To identifying your fee status, your eligibility for student support funds and to ensure appropriate student funding can be administered
<b>Purpose 4: Statutory returns and statistics</b>	Statutory Further Education Statistical (FES) returns to Scottish Funding Council (SFC), and other external bodies such as Scottish Government. Other administrative purposes, including carrying out internal statistical analysis.

### Our legal reasons for using the data are:

To achieve the following purposes: Purpose 1: Academic matters, Purpose 2: Student support, Purpose 3: Appropriate funding

**Our legal reason to use the data is:** Use is necessary for the performance of a contract with you or to take steps, at your request, before entering into such a contract. That contract being between the college and its students, teaching staff and other parties to provide educational and other products and/or services.

To achieve the following purposes: Purpose 2: Student support, Purpose 4: Statutory returns and stats

**Our legal reason to use the data is:** Use is necessary for us to comply with a legal obligation. Those legal obligations are: a) the support of students with disabilities, protected characteristics and other priority groups, and b) the return of statistical data and reports to satisfy statutory agencies that the our academic standards and funding arrangements are sufficient and our obligations are being met.

To achieve the following purposes: Purpose 1: Academic matters, Purpose 2: Student support, Purpose 3: Appropriate funding, Purpose 4: Statutory returns and stats

**Our legal reason to use the data is:** Use is necessary for the performing a task in the public interest or under official authority vested in us. That being the college's public task as an educational establishment. This may include contacting you to provide advice and guidance based on the information you have provided to us, and to assess your eligibility for financial assistance you may be eligible for.

### The data we use includes special category (sensitive) data. You are not obliged to provide this information. Our legal reason for using this sensitive data, as provided, is:

Processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations of the college in the field of social protection law. Anonymised data is used from applicants for reporting and trend analysis for the monitoring of our admissions process and our equality duties under the [Equality Act 2010](#).

If you choose to disclose a [disability or support need](#), we will use this data to enable our support teams to contact you to let you know of the support that may be available and any reasonable

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adjustments that may be made for you during the admissions process (including at any interviews) and during your studies.

If you choose to disclose that you are in [local authority care or are a care leaver](#), we will use this data to contact you to let you know about the support and resources that are available if you wish to make use of them.

If you choose to disclose that you are a [student carer](#), we will use this data to contact you to let you know about the support and resources that are available if you wish to make use of them.

Sensitive data is anonymised and reported in the statutory [FES Returns](#).

### **If you were to withhold the personal information we require for the enrolment process, the consequences would be:**

The college would be unable to process your application to your programme of study. This would mean the college would be unable to deliver teaching or provide student services; your college student record and any associated ICT accounts would be cancelled. Any student support fund applications you may have made will be delayed, cancelled or recouped.

### **Your data will, or may, be shared with the following recipients or categories of recipient:**

- The University of the Highlands and Islands partnership colleges and learning centres
- Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA)
- Scottish Funding Council (SFC) including Assigned Auditors
- Scottish Government
- Education Scotland
- Skills Development Scotland
- Colleges Scotland
- Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
- College Development Network

Statistical personal information will be shared with the Scottish Funding Council to allow them to allocate appropriate funding to colleges in line with Scottish Government strategies and their statutory duties. For more information on how the Scottish Funding Council use your personal data please see their FE student privacy policy on their website: <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/home/privacy.aspx>

**Limited personal data will, or may, be shared with contracted third parties to enable provision of services for the purposes of teaching, learning and administrative support and IT provisioning. This includes:**

n/a

**This process involves your data being sent outside of the European Union. The following safeguard is in place for this international transfer:**

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n/a

**This relevant protection in place for this international transfer:**

n/a

**Your data will be retained in the university student records system and accordance with the student records system retention schedule; a summary of which can be accessed [here](#).**

**The following rights are rights of data subjects:**

- The right to access your personal data
- The right to rectification if the personal data we hold about you is incorrect
- The right to restrict processing of your personal data

**The following rights apply only in certain circumstances:**

- The right to withdraw consent at any time if consent is our lawful basis for processing your data
- The right to object to our processing of your personal data
- The right to request erasure (deletion) of your personal data
- The right to data portability

**You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office about our handling of your data.**

**The Information Commissioner's Office is UK's independent authority set up to uphold information rights in the public interest. Their website is [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)**