



Higher Education and Research Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 29

PART 1

THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

Powers of Secretary of State to obtain information and advice

80 Use of application-to-acceptance information for research purposes

- (1) The Secretary of State may—
 - (a) use information obtained under section 79 for use for qualifying research, and
 - (b) provide information obtained under section 79 to an approved person for use for qualifying research.
- (2) The Secretary of State or an approved person may publish the product of research conducted using information obtained under section 79 so long as—
 - (a) a purpose of the Secretary of State or the approved person in publishing it is to provide statistical information,
 - (b) no individual to whom the information obtained under section 79 relates may be identified from the publication, and
 - (c) the publication does not include information obtained under section 79 that may be regarded as commercially sensitive.
- (3) “Approved person” means—
 - (a) a body approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section that uses or disseminates information for the purpose of research (“an approved body”), or
 - (b) an individual approved by the Secretary of State or an approved body for the purposes of this section (“an approved researcher”).
- (4) An approved body may provide information obtained under section 79 to an approved researcher, but an approved researcher may not provide that information to—
 - (a) another approved researcher, or

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- (b) another approved body.
- (5) The Secretary of State must publish guidance regarding factors that will be taken into account in deciding whether to approve a body or individual for the purposes of this section.
- (6) “Qualifying research” has the same meaning as in section 79.