



Higher Education and Research Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 29

PART 1

THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

Information powers

63 Cooperation and information sharing by the OfS

- (1) The OfS—
 - (a) may cooperate with any person where it considers it appropriate to do so for the efficient performance of a function of the OfS, and
 - (b) must cooperate with a person in the performance of such a function if required to do so by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The OfS—
 - (a) may cooperate with a relevant person where it considers it appropriate to do so for the efficient performance of a relevant function of the relevant person, and
 - (b) must cooperate with a relevant person in the performance of such a function if required to do so by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The OfS may provide information to any person if the disclosure is made for the purposes of the performance of a function of the OfS.
- (4) The OfS may provide information to a relevant person if the disclosure is made for the purposes of the performance of a relevant function of the relevant person.
- (5) Provision of information by the OfS which is authorised by this section does not breach—
 - (a) an obligation of confidence owed by the OfS, or
 - (b) any other restriction on the provision of information (however imposed).
- (6) But nothing in this section authorises the OfS to provide information where doing so contravenes the Data Protection Act 1998.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(7) In this section—

“relevant person” means—

- (a) the Privy Council, or
- (b) a person prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“relevant function” means—

- (a) in relation to the Privy Council, any of its functions;
- (b) in relation to any other relevant person, a function prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(8) Regulations under this section prescribing functions of a relevant person may prescribe all of the person’s functions.