

HESA Notices: Student and Graduate Data

Introduction to HESA

The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) collects student data to support the effective management and planning of higher education. This data collection ensures that higher education institutions comply with legal requirements and enables the provision of accurate and comprehensive statistics about the sector.

How HESA Uses Student Data

Student Return

HESA collects student data through the Student Return. This data is used for various purposes, including:

1. **Public Functions:** Ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.
2. **Administrative Uses:** Supporting the management and operation of higher education institutions.
3. **HESA Publications:** Providing accurate and comprehensive statistics about higher education.
4. **Research and Public Interest:** Facilitating research and other activities in the public interest.

Graduate Outcomes Return

HESA also collects student data through the Graduate Outcomes Return. This data is used to:

1. **Track Graduate Destinations:** Understanding where graduates move on to after completing their studies.
2. **Inform Policy and Practice:** Helping institutions and policymakers improve education and employment outcomes.
3. **Support Research:** Enabling research into graduate employment and further study.

Links to Collection Notices

For more detailed information, you can refer to the following HESA websites:

- [Student Return Collection Notice](#)
- [Graduate Outcomes Privacy Notice](#)