

Third party name	Purposes for Sharing the data	Lawful Basis for Sharing
The Department of Education and Skills	The HEA shares identifiable microdata with the Department of Education and Skills to allow for transitions rate analysis from 2nd level to 3rd level and to produce 3rd level demand projections. Data are also shared to allow for detailed geographic participation rate analysis and monitor access and outcomes for disadvantaged students.	Data is shared with other Government Departments and agencies to allow them to carry out their statutory functions. The sharing is allowed under Section 266 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 as set out in the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 and as amended by Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 4) (Sharing of Information) Regulations 2015.
The Central Statistics Office	The HEA shares identifiable microdata with the CSO to analyse graduate outcomes and to measure the effectiveness of the higher education system. HEA data is linked to other Government administrative datasets in the CSO.	Statistics Act 1993 and a memorandum of understanding dated 4th February 2015.
SUSI – part of the CDET B (City of Dublin Education and Training Board)	The HEA matches SUSI grant application data to HEA student record data using PPSN to verify previous attendance at HEA-funded institutions. SUSI data may be used in the HEA to allow for analysis of outcomes for disadvantaged students.	The SUSI data sharing agreement has its lawful basis under section 28 of the Student Support Act 2011.
The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	The HEA shares PPSN, name, address and date of birth data to verify PPSN data with Client Identity Services.	In accordance with Government policy, the PPS number is used as the unique identifier on HEA databases. This allows for a continuity of statistical analysis and allows databases to be maintained accurately as well ensuring that there are no duplicate records in the system. The PPS number obtained may be validated using the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection PPSN client identity service.
SOLAS	The HEA shares identifiable microdata with SOLAS to allow for transitions rate analysis from further education to higher education and to track progress and outcomes for FE entrants into HE.	Data is shared with other Government Departments and agencies to allow them to carry out their statutory functions. The sharing is allowed under Section 266 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 as set out in the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 and as

		amended by Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 4) (Sharing of Information) Regulations 2015.
The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform	The HEA shares disaggregated course level data with DPER to allow for detailed labour market analysis.	Data is shared with other Government Departments and agencies to allow them to carry out their statutory functions. The sharing is allowed under Section 266 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 as set out in the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 and as amended by Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 4) (Sharing of Information) Regulations 2015.
External Contractors	The HEA, on occasion, contract external bodies to process microdata in order to fulfil statutory functions, e.g. geocoding of student address data.	Contracts are organised through the OGP and data processing agreements are in place where necessary.