



Student Privacy Statement

Limerick Institute of Technology takes very seriously its obligations to safeguard your personal information. We want to be transparent in how we gather, use and share your data. This Privacy Statement will explain:

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1. What Information We Collect about You

The types of information collected and processed by LIT include, but is not limited to, the following:

Biographical and Contact Details: Name, student id number, gender, address, date of birth, country of birth, telephone number, email, PPS number (or overseas equivalent), nationality, citizenship, next of kin/emergency details, image for your ID card, passport number.

Financial information: Bank details, details of funding, fees paid and outstanding.

Information on others: Parents' socio-economic grouping, parents' occupation, parents' employment status.

Academic information: Academic history, academic grades, relevant work experience, exam scripts, continuous assessments, qualifications awarded, attendance record, disciplinary information, library information.

Special category personal data: Health and disability information, medical assessments, religion, ethnic origin, criminal convictions.

Interaction details: If you interact with LIT, details of that communication are held including details of phone calls, emails, hard copy correspondence and complaints.

Online services: Cookies are used to analyse your use of our website and record preferences, record of internet browsing history when using LIT Wi-Fi facilities, location data.

Other personal information: CCTV images, photographs, video footage.

2. How We Collect Your Personal Data

We collect your personal data at various points in your relationship with LIT. These include the following situations:

- Admissions and Registration
- Examinations
- Applications for funding
- When you use our website and online services
- Where you make your personal data available to us through social media accounts
- CCTV cameras

Any data we collect will be stored securely and treated confidentially. LIT is committed to ensuring that access to your data is limited to those who have a need to process it in line with the purposes set out below.

3. The purpose and legal basis for processing your personal data

We collect and use your personal data for a range of contractual, statutory and public interest purposes, including the following:

- to deliver and administer education services, record the details of your studies and determine your overall award outcome
- where relevant, to monitor, evaluate and support your research activity
- to evaluate compliance with the Institute's regulations relating to conduct during examinations and assessment, including plagiarism and other offences
- to process scholarships, prizes and bursaries and administer other financial aspects of your relationship with us
- to compile statistics for internal and statutory reporting, management and research purposes
- to carry out and circulate voluntary studies including those relating to students' experience of our services
- to deliver services to you including student supports, libraries, sports, careers and IT
- to ensure efficiency of our online resources
- to facilitate your participation in events such as Institute functions and graduation ceremonies
- to communicate with you by post, email and phone, including the distribution of relevant newsletters and other information
- to create and publish print and electronic material for promotional and archival purposes;
- to comply with our obligations under legislation including social protection, equality, immigration and health and safety legislation
- for security purposes (e.g. CCTV footage)
- to enable us to contact others in the event of an emergency where you have supplied contact details to us
- to enable contact with you after you have completed your studies e.g. survey of graduates, alumni networks, marketing etc.

We consider the processing of your personal data for the purposes outlined above to be necessary for the following lawful bases:

- To enable us to fulfil our contractual obligations with you;

- To allow us to comply with legal obligations;
- For the performance of a function conferred on LIT by an enactment; and
- To perform a task carried out in the public interest

There may be other situations where we will be required to seek your consent to our processing of your personal data. You are entitled to withdraw your consent at any time.

4. Who we share your personal data with

Your personal data is held securely by LIT and access is restricted to those staff members who need the personal data for one of the purposes set out above. We may also share your personal data, where necessary, with the following external organisations:

- **Government Departments:** Revenue Commissioners, Department of Social Protection, Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Justice/INIS
- **State Agencies:** Higher Education Authority, Student Universal Support Ireland, Quality and Qualifications Ireland, SOLAS, An Garda Síochána to assist in the prevention or detection of crime
- **Professional and Regulatory Bodies:** Engineers Ireland, CORU etc.
- **Third Level Institutions:** Other higher education institutions, partners or research organisations to which a student transfers or pursues an exchange programme or where a student's programme is being run collaboratively; Erasmus sites; THEA
- **External Examiners:** External examiners and assessors
- **Software Providers:** Software providers or service providers performing administrative functions on behalf of LIT; Plagiarism detection service providers to ensure compliance with academic regulations
- **Employers:** Work placement providers; employers of apprentices
- **Third parties:** Sponsors funding student prizes and awards; Companies or organisations providing specific services to, or on behalf of LIT; Auditors; Legal advisors; Payment providers; Insurance companies in respect of accidents occurring within LIT.
- **Parents:** where the student is under 18 years of age or where older students have provided us with consent
- **LIT Students Union** to facilitate student elections

5. How long we retain your personal data

We store your personal data for as long as is necessary for the purposes set out above and for at least the duration of your studies. Our retention schedule is available in the Policy section of our website.

6. Your rights and how to exercise those rights

You have the following rights under data protection law, although your ability to exercise these rights may be subject to certain conditions:

- The right to receive a copy of and/or access the personal data that LIT holds about you, together with other information about our processing of that data;
- The right to request that any inaccurate data that is held about you is corrected and incomplete data updated;
- The right, in certain circumstances, to request that we erase your personal data;

- The right, in certain circumstances, to request that we no longer process your personal data for particular purposes, or to object to our use of your personal data or the way in which we process it;
- The right, in certain circumstances, to transfer your personal data to another organisation;
- The right to object to automated decision making and/or profiling; and
- The right to complain to the Data Protection Commissioner.

7. Where we hold your data

Your personal data will be stored either on LIT premises, with approved storage providers or on secure IT platforms within the EEA. Where your personal data would be held outside the EEA, we will ensure that this is done in accordance with EU approved transfer mechanisms.

8. How to contact us

If you have any questions about how your personal information is used, or wish to exercise any of your rights, please contact us at dataprotection@lit.ie or call 061 293044.

9. How to make a complaint

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your personal data is being processed by LIT, you can contact the Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@lit.ie.

You can also make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner by writing to the Data Protection Commissioner, Canal House, Station Road, Portarlinton, R32 AP23 Laois, emailing info@dataprotection.ie or calling +353 (0)761 104 800 or 057 8684800.

10. Changes to this Statement

We will update this Privacy Statement from time to time. You can always find an up-to-date version of this Statement on the LIT website or you can ask us for a copy.