

Data protection in FINEEC's evaluation of the competence provided by VET in relation to the requirements of studies at universities of applied sciences

For the information of the respondents of the FINEEC survey for the management of universities of applied sciences

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Purpose and legal basis for processing personal data

Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) carries out educational evaluations as part of its legislative tasks. The evaluations are based not only on statistical and register data, but also on survey and interview data. In order to draw reliable conclusions from the data, sufficient background information on the participants is needed.

The purpose of processing personal data is to enable a reliable evaluation to be carried out.

The processing of personal data is necessary for the fulfilment of the statutory task of the National Centre for Educational Evaluation.

Legal basis for the processing of data:

Legal obligation (Article 6(1c) of the GDPR) Processing is based on the following legislation:

- The basis for processing the data is, in accordance with Article 2(1)(1) of the Act on the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre, to carry out evaluations relating to education and early childhood education and training and to the activities of early childhood education and training providers and higher education institutions in accordance with the evaluation plan referred to in Article 5. The implementation of the evaluation is based on the National Education Evaluation Plan 2020-2023 approved by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Where do we get your personal data and what is the data concerned?

The respondents to the survey are the rectors, vice-rectors in charge of education and other representatives of the management responsible for pedagogical development of the universities of applied sciences. The survey does not collect exact titles, but we ask for information on the UAS, so that the person can be indirectly identified.

FINEEC is responsible for the storage and processing of the data and acts as the controller of the personal data disclosed. The register does not contain any specific or confidential personal data.

Processing of personal data

Your personal data will only be processed by the FINEEC staff responsible for carrying out the assessment (Veera Hakamäki-Stylman, Raisa Hievanen, Mari Huhtanen, Jerome Kaihari). An evaluation team of external experts appointed by FINEEC will be involved in the evaluation, but the members of the evaluation team will not process your personal data.

Retention period of personal data

The personal data will remain available to the persons responsible for the evaluation until the evaluation is completed. The planned end date of the evaluation is the 31st of December 2023, after which the data will be archived.

Disclosure of personal data

Archived data may be disclosed anonymously for research purposes. The data will not be disclosed outside the EU or EEA countries.

What are your rights in relation to your personal data?

You have the right to ask FINEEC for access to personal data concerning you and the right to request that it be corrected if it is inaccurate. You also have the right to complain to the Data Protection Supervisor about the processing of your personal data if you consider that the processing of your personal data infringes the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

Where the processing of the personal data in question is based on Article 6(1c) (legal obligation) or (1e) (public interest, public authority) of the GDPR, the data subject does not have the right to erasure (Article 17).

Description of technical and organisational security measures

The register is located in a secure technical environment in a secure and controlled premises of FINEEC / Valtori. The Registry uses technical data protection measures provided by Valtor, such as firewall and other data communication equipment protection and monitoring.

The data in the registry on the server is protected against unauthorised viewing, modification and destruction. Security is based on access control, technical protection of databases and servers, physical protection of premises, access control, protection of data traffic and data backup.

Where necessary, administrative controls are implemented to monitor the correctness of operations.

It is possible to check on the server who has stored, modified or transferred personal data.

The FINEEC Data Protection Officer is actively involved in improving the skills of staff handling personal data.

The register is intended for internal use by FINEEC for evaluation purposes.

Only persons employed by the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre have access to the data to the extent required by their duties. Access to the data folder on the server is restricted to those employees who carry out the evaluation in question.