

Data returns for providers registered in the Approved category (2021-22)

1. The table below sets out the data returns those providers registered in the Approved category are required to submit. There are different requirements for further education and sixth form colleges: these are shown in column 4 of the table below.
2. A provider that has changed registration category during or before the 2020-21 academic year is required to submit data returns applicable to its new registration category.
3. The collection organisation will issue detailed guidance on the time, format and coverage of the individual data returns.
4. Where data returns have interim dates before the final deadline, for example for data verification processes, a provider is required to meet all deadlines applicable to it.
5. In some cases, a provider may not have any reportable activity within the coverage of a return and so is required to make a nil return. For example, a new provider might not have any qualifying students within the coverage of the Graduate Outcomes return. Deadlines for nil returns may not match final sign-off deadlines, and providers should refer to detailed guidance from the collection organisation for further information.

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Unistats (2021-22)	HESA	A provider will need to submit information about courses that it will offer to its students. This helps prospective higher education students to make decisions about what and where to study.	✓ All providers	Accountable officer	17 August 2021 or two calendar months after the date of the provider's registration

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		Further information: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c21061 .			(whichever is later)
Student record ¹ (2020-21)	HESA	A provider will need to submit details of individual students and the courses they are studying. The data collected underpins the OfS's regulatory approach. Further information: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c20051	✓ All, excluding further education and sixth form colleges	Accountable officer	8 November 2021
Aggregate offshore record (2020-21)	HESA	A provider will need to submit information about the number of students studying overseas who are either registered with it or studying towards its awards. The data is used to understand the nature and extent of providers' offshore activity and for general monitoring purposes. Further information: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c20052	✓ All, excluding further education and sixth form colleges	Accountable officer	11 November 2021
Graduate Outcomes	HESA	A provider will need to submit and check the contact details for students who have completed their studies, who will then be	✓ All providers	Once the Student or Student	12 November 2021 (Cohort A)

¹ Providers that returned a HESA Student return in 2017-18 are required to continue to make a HESA Student return. Providers that have not previously made a HESA Student return, or have previously made a HESA Student Alternative return, may choose to make either of these.

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survey (2020-21)		<p>surveyed by HESA. For further education and sixth form colleges, initial contact details will be sourced from the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) but will still need checking.</p> <p>The Graduate Outcomes survey is used to understand student progression and outcomes including to inform student choice.</p> <p>Further information: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection</p>		Alternative record has been signed off by the accountable officer, then the ability to approve these contact details will become available on the system. The provider will need to approve these contact details by pressing the approval button on the system.	<p>18 February 2022 (Cohort B)</p> <p>20 May 2022 (Cohort C)</p> <p>19 August 2022 (Cohort D)</p>
Student Alternative record ² (2020-21)	HESA	A provider will need to submit details of individual students and the courses they are studying.	<p>✓</p> <p>All, excluding further education and</p>	Accountable officer	15 November 2021

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		<p>The data collected underpins the OfS's regulatory approach.</p> <p>Further information: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c20054</p>	sixth form colleges		
National Student Survey (NSS) 2022	Contractor	<p>A provider will need to submit contact details for students who are on the target list. The data will be collected by contractors working on behalf of the OfS and other stakeholders.</p> <p>NSS data is used to inform student choice, as part of the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF), and for general monitoring purposes.</p> <p>Further information: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/student-information-and-data/national-student-survey-nss/</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>All providers</p>		26 November 2021
Prevent accountability and data return	OfS	<p>A provider will need to submit a set of declarations signed off by its governing body confirming that it has continued to show due regard to the Prevent duty.</p> <p>It will also need to submit data on key areas of the Prevent duty: Prevent case management, external speakers and events, and staff training.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>All, excluding further education and sixth form colleges</p>	Governing body	1 December 2021

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		<p>These are used to provide assurance that providers continue to demonstrate due regard to the Prevent duty.</p> <p>Guidance on submission requirements will be published on the OfS website in the autumn.</p>			
Provider profile (2021-22)	HESA	<p>A provider will need to submit information about the location of its campuses and its internal organisation. This data allows the OfS and others to understand the geographic distribution of higher education.</p> <p>Further information: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>All, excluding further education and sixth form colleges</p>	Accountable officer	22 June 2022
Annual Financial Return 2022 ³	OfS	<p>A provider will need to submit financial data consistent with its latest audited financial statements, forecast financial and student number data, and other relevant contextual information, including signed, audited financial statements. A provider will need to submit the management letter from its external auditor.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>All, excluding further education and sixth form colleges</p>	<p>Financial forecasts and commentary must be approved by the provider's governing body prior to submission.</p> <p>Final sign-off</p>	<p>Within five calendar months and two weeks of a provider's financial year end in 2022 (dates will be issued to</p>

³ The requirements for Annual Financial Return 2021 were set out in our letter of 31 March 2021 ([see www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/information-about-deadlines-for-data-returns/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/information-about-deadlines-for-data-returns/)). Individual deadline dates were sent to providers in June 2021.

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		<p>Schedule 3 contains further information about the requirements for this return.</p> <p>The data collected is used to monitor the financial viability and sustainability of providers, in particular in considering compliance with Condition D (financial viability and sustainability).</p>		of the return must be completed by the accountable officer.	providers in spring 2022)
ILR	ESFA	<p>A provider will need to submit details of individual students and the courses they are studying.</p> <p>The data collected underpins the OfS's regulatory approach.</p> <p>Further information: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/individualised-learner-record-ilr.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>Further education and sixth form colleges only</p>	Aligned with ESFA requirements	Aligned with ESFA deadline