

Information on data protection in accordance with Article 13 onwards of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for the one-off relief payment for students (*Studierenden-Energiepreispauschalengesetz – EPPSG*)

Dear Students,

Against the backdrop of Russia's attack on Ukraine, which violates international law, energy cost have increased drastically posing a burden for both economy and society. As a measure to ease this burden, the German federal and state governments have put in place a one-off relief payment for university students, as well as students of technical and vocational institutions. The new law (*Studierenden-Energiepreispauschalengesetz – EPPSG*), which entered into force on 21 December 2022, entitles the aforementioned groups to a one-off relief payment of 200 euros.

This document will provide you with information about the data processing associated with implementing EPPSG.

I. Data processing and disclosure of data

In order to implement EPPSG, the student's first name, surname and date of birth as well as a PIN in encrypted form and the hash value of the individual access key are documented, stored in a list and disclosed to the Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony (MWK), which is responsible for approval (section 1 paragraph 2 of the Lower Saxony regulation governing the implementation of the one-off relief payment for students (*Studierenden-Energiepreispauschalengesetz – EPPSG-DVO*)). There, the encrypted data is entered into the IT system of the corresponding procedure in order to fulfil the duties specified in EPPSG-DVO. This is in preparation for automated processing if an application is submitted.

The legal basis for processing the personal data of the applicant for the preparation and subsequent implementation of the process within the scope of the EPPSG process is Article 6 (1) (e) GDPR in conjunction with section 14 (2) EPPSG-DVO / section 3 of the Lower Saxony regulations governing data protection (*Niedersächsisches Datenschutzgesetz – NDSG*) in conjunction with section 1 EPPSG as well as section 5 (1) and (2) NDSG. The state task is based on section 2 (2) EPPSG in conjunction with the regulations of EPPSG-DVO in conjunction with the regulations of the administrative agreement to implement a digital portal to enforce the one-off relief payment for students ("*Verwaltungsvereinbarung zur Umsetzung eines digitalen Portals im Vollzug des Studierenden-Energiepreispauschalengesetzes*").

It is not possible to submit an application for the one-off relief payment of 200 euros without disclosure of this data.

II. Duration of storage of personal data

The university or vocational higher education institution (*Berufsakademie*) must erase the list of students entitled to a relief payment after the approval process has ended or by 31 December 2024 at the latest (section 14 (2) 2 EPPSG-DVO).

III. Rights of the data subject

You can exercise the following rights:

- Access to information/records
In accordance with Article 15 GDPR, you have the right to receive information or access to records on the personal data that we process.
- Rectification
If personal data that we have stored is incorrect or incomplete, you have the right in accordance with Article 16 GDPR to have this data corrected or completed.
- Erasure
Article 17 GDPR stipulates the right to erasure of personal data. In particular, you can exercise this right if storage of your personal data is no longer necessary to fulfil our legal tasks or if you have revoked your consent to data processing with future effect.
- Restriction of processing

In accordance with Article 18 GDPR, you have the right to request the restriction of processing of personal data, if

- you dispute the accuracy of the data
- processing of data is unlawful, but you object to its erasure
- we no longer need the data, but you need it to assert, exercise or defend legal claims
- or you have objected to processing in accordance with Article 21 GDPR

- **Objection**

You have the right to object to processing on grounds relating to your specific circumstances. In accordance with Article 21 GDPR, it must nonetheless be determined whether legitimate grounds for processing exist or whether processing is necessary in order to assert, exercise or defend legal claims.

- **Data portability**

If your data is processed with the help of an automated process, you have the right in accordance with Article 20 GDPR to receive the data you have provided in a commonly used, machine-readable format.

- **Complaints**

Article 77 GDPR stipulates the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority. In this respect, the Commissioner for Data Protection of Lower Saxony is the responsible regulatory authority, Prinzenstraße 5, 30159 Hannover. Email: poststelle@lfd.niedersachsen.de

Complaints must be lodged via the form on the website of the commission for data protection.

IV. Data controller and data protection officer

The entity processing data is Leibniz Universität Hannover, Welfengarten 1, 30167 Hannover, Tel. +49 (0)511-762-2020, studium@uni-hannover.de.

Contact details for the data protection officer can be found at www.uni-hannover.de/datenschutz. Postal address: Leibniz Universität Hannover, – Datenschutzbeauftragter (DS) –, Welfengarten 1, 30167 Hannover.