

The Aberdeen Business School Ltd Publication Scheme

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Introduction to the Guide to Information

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) requires that all Scottish public authorities make certain types of information routinely available, and provide a guide to information telling the public how to access the information and what it might cost.

This guide to information also contains details of the environmental information that we routinely make available under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

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<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/ScottishPublicAuthorities/PublicationSchemes/TheModelPublicationScheme.aspx>

This will be reviewed on an annual basis, or sooner as required.

We have made a commitment to publish all information which we hold which falls within the classes of information in the scheme. This guide to information describes the information which we publish in accordance with the scheme, and how you can access this information.

We are obliged by FOISA to have due regard to the public interest in providing access to the information that we hold which relates to:

- Information about the company
- How we deliver our functions and services
- How we take decisions and what we have decided
- What we spend and how we spend it
- How we manage our human, physical and information resources
- How we procure goods and services from external providers
- How we are performing
- Our commercial publications
- Our open data

Availability and formats

Our guide to information provides details of the information available under the scheme, along with additional guidance on how information can be accessed. If the information you are seeking is not available under this publication scheme, then you may wish to request it. Information requests

should be made in writing with the name of the applicant and a description of the information required. In line with requirements under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, all information requests will be fulfilled as quickly as possible, with 20 working days being the maximum time.

To request information in an alternative format or for assistance with any aspect of this publication scheme please contact:

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<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Law/FOISA-EIRsGuidance/Briefings.aspx>

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Information not included

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Requests should be made through a freedom of information or environmental information request. Full details of how to do this are available at:

<https://www3.rgu.ac.uk/about/planning-and-policy/information-governance/freedom-of-information>

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- or
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Scottish Information Commissioner

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Doubledykes Road
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E: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Duration

Once published, information will generally be available for the current and previous two years.

Contact us

You can contact us for assistance with any aspect of this publication scheme:

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Classes of information

Please note that this is a subsidiary company of the Robert Gordon University and as such the activities of the company are limited. This is reflected in the available information detailed below.

CLASS 1: ABOUT THE ORGANISATION		
Class description: Information about The Aberdeen Business School Ltd, who we are, where to find us, how we are managed and our external relations.		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
Information that the company is required, by statute, to submit to Companies House	Annual Report and Accounts – available on request from the address above or online from Companies House: https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company You may also contact the university information governance officer at foi@rgu.ac.uk for further information.	Companies House may levy a charge for access to this information. Please see https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company

CLASS 2: HOW WE DELIVER OUR FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES		
Class description: Information about our work, our strategy and policies for delivering functions and services and information for our service users.		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
No information held under this class (dormant company)	N/A	N/A

CLASS 3: HOW WE TAKE DECISIONS AND WHAT IS DECIDED		
Class description: Information about the decisions we take and how we involve others.		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
No information held under this class (dormant company)	N/A	N/A

CLASS 4: WHAT WE SPEND AND HOW WE SPEND IT		
Class description: Information about our strategy for, and management of, financial resources (in sufficient detail to explain how we plan to spend public money and what has actually been spent).		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
No information held under this class (dormant company)	N/A	N/A

CLASS 5: HOW WE MANAGE OUR HUMAN, PHYSICAL AND INFORMATION RESOURCES		
Class description: Information about how we manage our human, physical and information resources.		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
No information held under this class (dormant company)	N/A	N/A

CLASS 6: HOW WE PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES FROM EXTERNAL PROVIDERS		
Class description: Information about how we procure goods and services, and our contracts with external providers.		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
No information held under this class (dormant company)	N/A	N/A

CLASS 7: HOW WE ARE PERFORMING		
Class description: Information about how we perform as an organisation, and how well we deliver our functions and services.		
The information we publish under this class	How to access it	Further info
No information held under this class (dormant company)	N/A	N/A

CLASS 8: OUR COMMERCIAL PUBLICATIONS**Class description:**

Information packaged and made available for sale on a commercial basis and sold at market value through a retail outlet.

The information we publish under this class**How to access it****Further info**

No information held under this class (dormant company)

N/A

N/A

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Open data made available by us and available under an open license.

The information we publish under this class**How to access it****Further info**

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