

GCU Academy Ltd.

Guide to information available through our Publication Scheme

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) requires Scottish public authorities to produce and maintain a publication scheme. Authorities are under a legal obligation to:

- publish the classes of information that they make routinely available
- tell the public how to access the information and what it might cost.

GCU Academy Ltd. has adopted the **Model Publication Scheme 2011** produced by the Scottish Information Commissioner. He has approved this scheme until 31 May 2015. You can see this scheme on our website at www.gcu.ac.uk/foicompany or by contacting us at the address below.

The purpose of this Guide to Information is to:

- allow the public to see what information is available (and what is not available) in relation to each class,
- state what charges may be applied
- explain how to find the information easily
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with accessing the information
- explain how to request information we hold that has not been published

Availability and formats

The information we publish through the model scheme is, wherever possible, available on our website. We offer alternative arrangements for people who do not want to, or cannot, access the information online or by inspection at our premises. For example, we can usually arrange to send information to you in paper copy (although there may be a charge for this).

Exempt information

We will publish the information we hold that falls within the classes of information below. If a document contains information that is exempt under Scotland's freedom of information laws (for example sensitive personal information or a trade secret), we will remove or redact the information before publication and explain why.

Copyright

Information obtained from this publication scheme cannot be copied or reproduced without formal permission. Such permission will usually be granted provided it is copied or reproduced accurately, is not used in a misleading context and provided that the source of the material is identified and the copyright status acknowledged.

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Information about Crown copyright material is available on the website of the Queen's Printer for Scotland at www.oqps.gov.uk. We can provide you with a copy of this information if you do not have internet access.

Charges

This section explains when we may make a charge for our publications and how any charge will be calculated.

There is no charge to view information on our website or at our premises

We may charge for providing information to you e.g., photocopying and postage, but we will charge you no more than it actually costs us to do so. We will always tell you what the cost is before providing the information to you.

Our photocopying charge per sheet of paper is shown in the tables below:

Black and white photocopying

Size of paper	Pence per sheet of paper
A4	10p

Colour photocopying

Size of paper	Pence per sheet of paper
A4	30p

Information provided on CD-Rom will be charged at £1.00 per computer disc.

Postage costs will be recharged at the rate we paid to send the information to you.

When providing copies of pre-printed publications, we will charge no more than the cost per copy of the total print run.

We do not pass on any other costs to you in relation to our published information.

Please note that this charging schedule does not apply to our commercial publications (see Class 8 below). These items are offered for sale through retail outlets such as book shops, academic journal websites or museum shops and their price reflects a 'market value' which may include the cost of production.

Contact us

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

Freedom of Information,
Glasgow Caledonian University,
Cowcaddens Road,
Glasgow G4 0BA,
Tel: 0141 273 1450
Fax: 0141 331 8797
email: foi@gcal.ac.uk

We will also advise you how to ask for information that we do not publish or how to complain if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this publication scheme.

The classes of information that we publish

We publish information that we hold within the following classes. Once information is published under a class we will continue to make it available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be available. If you would like to see previous versions, you may make a request to us for that information.

CLASS 1: About the Authority	
Class description: Information about the Authority, who we are, where to find us, how to contact us, how we are managed and our external relations	
<i>The information we publish under this class</i>	<i>How to access it</i>
<i>Legal framework</i>	
Memorandum of Association	Contact us - details above
Articles of Association	Contact us - details above
<i>About us</i>	
Glasgow Caledonian University	www.gcu.ac.uk
GCU Academy Ltd.	www.gcu.ac.uk/foicompany
University Executive	www.gcu.ac.uk/theuniversity/aboutglasgowcaledonian/universitycourtgovernance/
GCU Academy Ltd. -Director`s names and responsibilities	Contact us - details above
<i>Governance and accountability</i>	
GCU Academy Ltd. -Minutes of meetings	Contact us - details above
Membership of University Court	www.gcu.ac.uk/theuniversity/aboutglasgowcaledonian/universitycourtgovernance/

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.	
<i>The information we publish under this class</i>	<i>How to access it</i>
Subsidiary Companies Manual	www.gcu.ac.uk/fno/staff/fnpublic.html

CLASS 3: How the Authority takes decisions and what it has decided	
Class description: Information about the decisions we take, how we make decisions and how we involve others	
<i>The information we publish under this class</i>	<i>How to access it</i>
GCU Academy Ltd. -Minutes of meetings	Contact us - details above

CLASS 4: What the Authority spends and how it spends 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*

Annual accounts

Contact us - details above

CLASS 5: How the Authority manages its human, physical and information resources**Class description:**

Information about how we manage the human, physical and information resources of the Authority

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

Staff policies

www.gcu.ac.uk/hr/policies/index.html

Equality and Diversity

www.gcu.ac.uk/allinclusive/index.html

Records Management

www.gcu.ac.uk/recordsmgmt

Records Retention Schedule

Contact us - details above

CLASS 6: How the Authority procures 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*

Procurement manual

www.gcu.ac.uk/fno/staff/fnopublic.html**CLASS 7: How our Authority is performing****Class description:**

Information about how the authority performs as an organisation, and how well it delivers its functions and services

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

Annual accounts

Contact us - details above

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 e.g. bookshop, museum or research journal.

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

We do not hold or publish information under this class