

## **DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY (BEIS): DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO COMBAT FRAUD AGAINST THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

BEIS receives personal data provided in the loan application form from your lender and the British Business Bank (BBB) for analytical and administrative purposes.

BEIS is a data controller of this personal data. Further details, including details of your data protection rights, can be found in our COVID-19 Loan privacy notice at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-loan-schemes-privacy-notice>.

### **Data Analytics**

As part of BEIS' official functions as a Government department and guarantor of the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (**BBLS**), the Coronavirus Business Loan Scheme (**CBILS**), and the Coronavirus Large Business Loan Scheme (**CLBILS**) (the **COVID-19 Loan Schemes**), it has responsibility to take action against fraud. Data analytics help us to improve our ability to identify and reduce the risk of fraud against the public sector and recover public sector funds by:

- preventing, detecting, investigating and prosecuting fraud
- bringing civil proceedings as a result of fraud
- taking administrative action in connection with fraud

### **Disclosure of information to combat fraud against the public sector**

Section 56 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 enables public authorities to share information in order to take action in connection with fraud against a public authority.

We share loan data to match it with other government data sets. We will share your personal data where required with:

- the Cabinet Office
- the British Business Bank
- accredited lenders
- our executive agencies, including the Insolvency Service and Companies House
- other government departments including the Department for Work and Pensions and, HM Revenue and Customs
- Specified Anti-Fraud Organisations (SAFO)
- law enforcement agencies

Where BEIS has entered into information sharing under this power, it has taken steps to ensure that information sharing arrangements are balanced and proportionate and come under an appropriate level of scrutiny. This includes ensuring that such arrangements are set out in appropriate information sharing agreements.

Data analytics results will be shared with BEIS, the BBB, accredited lender(s) and other government bodies and law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

For full details of our data protection arrangements including the legal basis for processing your personal data, please see our [privacy notice](#), which also contains details of your rights and the contact information for our Data Protection Officer. Further information is also available at the British Business Bank privacy notice webpage.