



Information Commissioner's Office
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ICO Register of Interests

1. The Register of Interests is to be completed by the Information Commissioner and all members of his Management Board. These are 'relevant persons' for the purposes of this Register.
2. In order to ensure proper corporate governance, and the accountability and transparency of our organisation, relevant persons are required to declare any private interests that might affect the carrying out of their duties as part of the Commissioner's team. They are also required to take steps to resolve any conflicts that arise in a way that protects the public interest. To fulfil this requirement, any relevant interests must be declared on the Register of Interests.
3. The defining purpose of the Register is to provide information to the public about the relevant interests of the Commissioner and members of his Management Board. These are personal or business interests that might influence their judgement, deliberation or action as members of the Information Commissioner's team, or which might be perceived by a reasonable member of the public as doing so.
4. Relevant persons must consider whether they need to disclose personal involvement with persons or organisations which members of the public might reasonably think could influence their judgement.
5. Any interest should be declared prior to discussion of any relevant agenda item at a Management Board meeting, or at any other meeting attended. The declaration should take place irrespective of whether the interest has already been recorded in the Register. Once an interest is declared at a meeting, the Management Board may resolve to:
 - permit the full participation of the individual when discussing the item;
 - permit the individual to participate in discussions but with no right to vote;
 - ask the individual to leave the meeting for the agenda item
6. Where there is uncertainty about whether a particular interest should be declared, advice should be sought from the Commissioner.
7. The Register of Interests is a matter of public record. It will be published on the Information Commissioner's website. Copies will be available on request from the Information Commissioner's Office. The Register will form part of the Information Commissioner's publication scheme in accordance with s.19 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
8. It is each person's responsibility to inform the Commissioner of any relevant changes as they occur and to register their interests. In addition, the Register will be reviewed annually.

9. Where there is a complaint about a failure to disclose a relevant interest, the complaint will be referred to the Information Commissioner. A complaint about the Information Commissioner's failure to disclose an interest will be referred to the Ministry of Justice.

10. The Corporate Support Unit is responsible for ensuring the register is updated annually in May and that the updated register is published on the ICO's web-site.

Peter Bloomfield
Corporate Support Unit

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3. Please give details of any voluntary and/or public offices held.

4. Please give details of any sponsorships or financial or material support that you receive from any organisation falling within the Information Commissioner's sphere of statutory responsibility.

5. Please identify any institution where you hold a total investment or other interest which has a value over £25,000 or which accounts for more than 1/100th of the issued shares or securities of that institution, or of any class of such shares or securities. This would include matters such as endowment policies and pension plans.

6. Please give details of any significant political activity that you are involved in, for example holding office in a political party or standing as a nominated candidate for a political party.

7. Please give details of any other relevant interests, including significant interests of close family members, i.e. ones which might influence your judgment, deliberation

or action as a member of the Information Commissioner's team, or which might be perceived by a reasonable member of the public as doing so.

8. Signature and date.

Once completed this form should be returned to Jane Dawson.

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