

The **Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act** (Public Law 106-102) requires financial institutions to explain their information-sharing practices to their customers and to safeguard sensitive data (16 C.F.R. Part 314). The Federal Trade Commission considers most institutions that participate in ED's student financial assistance programs as "financial institutions" and subject to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (16 C.F.R. § 313.3(k)(2)(vi)). Under a domestic institution's Program Participation Agreement with ED and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, institutions must protect student information, with particular attention to information provided to institutions by ED or otherwise obtained in support of the administration of ED's student financial assistance programs (16 C.F.R. § 314.3; HEA 483(a)(3)(E) and HEA 485B(d)(2)). For purposes of this law, ED considers foreign institutions as identical to domestic institutions participating in ED's student financial assistance programs and therefore has determined that the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act applies equally to domestic and foreign institutions. ED provides additional information about cybersecurity requirements on its FSA Cybersecurity Compliance page.

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland meets the requirements of the **Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act** (Public Law 106-102) through its [Data Protection](#) policy and its [Information Security](#) policy.