

Relevant legislation

Information management and IT service use are governed by several laws and regulations, which also address the possible consequences of abuse.

Key laws concerning universities, their employees and students:

- [Archives Act](#) (831/1994, in Finnish only)
- [Administrative Procedure Act](#) (434/2003)
- [Personal Data Act](#) (523/1999)
- [Act on the Openness of Government Activities](#) (621/1999)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Working Life](#) (759/2004, *e.g. Chapter 6*)
- [Criminal Code](#) (39/1889, Chapter 35: sections 1, 2; Chapter 38: section 2, Chapter 38: sections 3–4; Chapter 38: section 8)
- [Constitution of Finland](#) (731/1999, sections 10–12)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Electronic Communications](#) (516/2004)
- [Copyright Act](#) (404/1961)
- [Universities Act](#) (558/2009 *e.g. Chapter 5: section 45; Chapter 10: section 85*)
- [Tort Liability Act](#) (412/1974, Chapter 4; Chapter 5: sections 5-6; Chapter 6)
- [Employment Contracts act](#) (55/2001, Chapter 7: sections 1-2; Chapter 8: section 1)

Key laws concerning universities of applied sciences, their employees and students:

- [Archives Act](#) (831/1994, in Finnish only)
- [Administrative Procedure Act](#) (434/2003)
- [Personal Data Act](#) (523/1999)
- [Act on the Openness of Government Activities](#) (621/1999)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Working Life](#) (759/2004, *e.g. Chapter 6*)
- [Criminal code](#) (Chapter 38 Data and communications offences)
- [Constitution of Finland](#) (731/1999, sections 10–12)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Electronic Communications](#) (516/2004)
- [Copyright Act](#) (404/1961)
- [Polytechnics Act](#) (351/2003 *e.g. Chapter 6: section 28; Chapter 9: section 42*)
- [Tort Liability Act](#) (412/1974, Chapter 4; Chapter 5: sections 5-6; Chapter 6)
- [Employment Contracts act](#) (55/2001, Chapter 7: sections 1-2; Chapter 8: section 1)

Key laws concerning upper secondary-level educational institutes, their employees and students:

- [Archives Act](#) (831/1994, in Finnish only)
- [Administrative Procedure Act](#) (434/2003)
- [Personal Data Act](#) (523/1999)
- [Act on the Openness of Government Activities](#) (621/1999)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Working Life](#) (759/2004, *e.g. Chapter 6*)
- [Criminal code](#) (Chapter 38 Data and communications offences)

- [Constitution of Finland](#) (731/1999, sections 10–12)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Electronic Communications](#) (516/2004)
- [Copyright Act](#) (404/1961)
- [Vocational Education Act](#) (630/1998, in Finnish, e.g. Chapter 5: section 35; Chapter 6: section 44)
- [Tort Liability Act](#) (412/1974, Chapter 4; Chapter 5: sections 5-6; Chapter 6)
- [Employment Contracts act](#) (55/2001, Chapter 7: sections 1-2; Chapter 8: section 1)

Key laws concerning adult education institutes, their employees and students:

- [Archives Act](#) (831/1994, in Finnish only)
- [Administrative Procedure Act](#) (434/2003)
- [Personal Data Act](#) (523/1999)
- [Act on the Openness of Government Activities](#) (621/1999)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Working Life](#) (759/2004, e.g. Chapter 6)
- [Criminal code](#) (Chapter 38 Data and communications offences)
- [Constitution of Finland](#) (731/1999, sections 10–12)
- [Act on the Protection of Privacy in Electronic Communications](#) (516/2004)
- [Copyright Act](#) (404/1961)
- [Vocational Education Act](#) (630/1998, in Finnish, e.g. Chapter 5: section 35; Chapter 6: section 44)
- [Tort Liability Act](#) (412/1974, Chapter 4; Chapter 5: sections 5-6; Chapter 6)
- [Employment Contracts act](#) (55/2001, Chapter 7: sections 1-2; Chapter 8: section 1)