

Privacy Notice: Space Sector Skills Survey 2026

This research has been commissioned by the UK Space Agency.

This research has been commissioned to better understand employers' current and future skills needs and to help inform future skills policies. The research is being carried out by IFF Research, an independent research agency.

What is this research project about?

This research project is being carried out to understand:

- Skills and qualification requirements
- Skills deficits and gaps in different parts of the workforce
- Recruitment and retention challenges
- Current and planned training provision.

This research involves surveys and telephone interviews with organisations that wholly or partly operate in the space sector.

This survey aims to provide UKSA with robust, representative data to inform decision-making and better support businesses like yours in the future.

Who is responsible for your personal data?

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) is the data controller for this research. Therefore, DSIT decides why and how your personal data is used.

IFF Research has been commissioned by DSIT to carry out this research and acts as a data processor on DSIT's behalf. IFF Research will only process your personal data following DSIT instructions in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

IFF Research may use verified compliant sub-processors to assist in delivering the research. These sub-processors are bound by written agreements that require them to keep your data confidential and secure, to use it only for the purpose of the research, and to delete it when it is no longer needed.

Your personal data will be stored and processed strictly within the United Kingdom.

What personal information will IFF be processing?

To carry out this research, IFF will have access to:

- Company and contact information provided by Market Location and The Data City, including company name, company registration number, telephone number and email address. In some cases, this may also include your name and professional email address.
- Personal data that you share during the survey, including for example name, email address and telephone number.

How will my information be used?

IFF Research will use the information for research purposes only.

The data will be collected, then research partners City-REDI and Technopolis will analyse this data and produce a report. All data will be combined and presented so that it does not identify individuals.

UKSA will not be able to identify the individuals that complete a survey/interview and will not have access to individual answers unless individuals have given explicit consent.

At the end of the survey you will be asked if you are happy for your company name and CRN (Company Registration Number) to be shared with UKSA for the purpose of linking your survey response to the UKSA company database, including the Size and Health of the UK Space Industry dataset. This linkage supports UKSA's analysis of the size, health and skills needs of the UK space sector. You will be able to choose whether you consent to this data linking or not.

You will be asked whether you are happy for your contact details to be shared with the relevant UK space cluster in your region. If you consent, UKSA or the cluster may contact you directly regarding regional policy initiatives, engagement opportunities, and cluster activity. Your contact details will not be passed on to any other third parties. You can choose whether or not to give this consent, and you can withdraw it at any time by contacting UKSA.

You will also be asked whether you consent to being recontacted by UKSA and its research partners about future research over the next two years. If you consent to recontact, the personal data you provide for this purpose, such as your name, email address and telephone number, will be shared with UKSA and its research partners solely so they can invite you to take part in future research. Your personal contact details will not be shared in a way that links them to your survey responses, which will remain anonymous.

If you decide you do not want your data to be included in analysis or you want to change any information given as part of the research, you have until 27th November 2026 to inform the IFF Research team. You can do this by emailing spacesectorskillssurvey@iffresearch.com. This will not affect any future interactions with UKSA in any way.

Personal contact information (if provided) will be retained for 24 months and then destroyed. By this we mean removed from all digital systems. You can request that your data is deleted before this date by contacting spacesectorskillssurvey@iffresearch.com. Until the point data is destroyed, you also have the right to request access to your survey data. You can request access to your data by contacting Omarghri Scott on 020 7250 3035 or email spacesectorskillssurvey@iffresearch.com. For more information about IFF Research and our research projects, follow this link: <http://www.iffresearch.com/iff-research-gdpr-policy/>.

For the UK Space Agency's privacy notice, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-space-agency-gdpr-privacy-notice/uk-space-agency-uk-gdpr-privacy-notice>

Do I have to take part in the survey?

No one has to take part if they don't want to. But, by taking part you are helping to ensure that UKSA has robust data to inform future policy decisions, and that businesses like yours are represented. Your answers are very important to us.

Why the use of my personal data is lawful

In order for our use of your personal data to be lawful, we need to meet one or more conditions in the data protection legislation. For the purpose of this project, the lawful basis we are relying on is consent under Article 6(1)(a) of the UK GDPR. This means that you will be provided with clear

information about the research and how your data will be used before deciding whether to take part. Taking part is voluntary and you can choose whether or not to participate.

My data protection rights

You have the right:

- to ask IFF for access to information that they hold about you
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

Further information about your data protection rights appears on the Information Commissioner's website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/data-protection-principles/a-guide-to-the-data-protection-principles/>

You have the right to raise any complaints with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) via their website at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you have any questions about the research project, you can contact Omarghri Scott on 020 7250 3035 or email spacesectorskillssurvey@iffresearch.com. If you would like to verify the authenticity of the survey with UKSA, please contact uksa_space_skills@dsit.gov.uk.

If you wish to exercise your data protection rights, please contact IFF Research at dpo@iffresearch.com or you may contact DSIT's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@dsit.gov.uk.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner's Office is the independent body that oversees data protection legislation. They can be contacted online at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/> or by phone: 0303 123 1113.