



National Fraud Initiative - Data Deletion Schedule

The following data deletion schedule applies to the National Fraud Initiative data matching exercises, including all proof of concept¹ (research and development) data matching. In the event that the Cabinet Office elects to terminate the NFI then an appropriate data deletion timetable for all intelligence will be derived and communicated.

NFI Area	Data Deletion Policy	Match Archives made available to Participants	NFI Matches Deletion Policy	NFI Prior Year matchkey ² and Comments Deletion Policy
National Exercise	Within 6 ³ months of the data ⁴ being re-supplied, passing data quality checks and being accepted for the next national data matching exercise (or after 12 months if data not part of the national exercise).	The later of: within 4 months of the next national exercise data matches being released or after 12 months.	The later of: within 6 months of the next national exercise data matches being released or after 14 months.	After 6 years.
ReCheck/FraudHub	Within 6 ³ months of the data ⁴ being re-supplied, passing data quality checks and being accepted for the next national data matching exercise (or after 12 months if data not part of the national exercise).	The later of: within 4 months of the next national exercise data matches being released or after 12 months.	The later of: within 6 months of the next national exercise data matches being released or after 14 months.	After 6 years.
AppCheck	Within 6 ³ months of data ⁴ being supplied successfully	n/a	After 12 months.	
Data subsequently proved inaccurate	Within 3 ³ months of the data ⁴ inaccuracy being confirmed.	n/a	Within 3 months of the data inaccuracy being confirmed.	Within 3 months of the data inaccuracy being confirmed.
Experian tool - bank account and active company checks	After 14 months and up to three months more as data is being deleted quarterly	Between 12 and 15 months	After between 14 and 17 months	n/a

¹ Unless a specific timetable has been approved and documented as part of the proof of concept project scoping.

² The prior year matchkey consists of a unique reference key and comments recorded by participants. If these comments included personal details then they would be retained as part of the matchkey. No NFI personal details fields are retained.

³ The NFI Backup policy means that there are traces of deleted NFI files remaining within the backup environment for up to three months.

⁴ Defined as source data and any processed data generated.

Examples

NFI Area	Data submitted	Data Deletion Policy	Match Archives made available to participants	NFI Matches Deletion Policy	NFI Prior year matchkey and comments (no personal details) - deletion policy
National Exercise	Dataset A - submitted October 2020 for NFI 20/21. Matches released Jan 2021.	The data would be used throughout NFI 20/21. NFI 22/23 is scheduled for October 2022. Dataset A would be resubmitted in October 2022. Therefore the dataset A submitted in 2020 would be deleted by April 2023.	NFI 22/23 matches scheduled to go live Jan 2023. Therefore, the archive for matches would be available by May 2023.	The matches resulting from the dataset A submitted in 2020 would be deleted by July 2023.	The matchkey (no personal data) and any comments recorded by participating organisations would be deleted by 2026.
ReCheck - scenario 1	Dataset B - submitted June 2021. Matches released August 2021.	The data would be used throughout NFI 20/21. NFI 22/23 is scheduled for October 2022. Dataset B would be resubmitted in October 2022. Therefore the dataset B submitted in 2021 would be deleted by April 2023.	In this case within 4 months of the next national exercise date match release (Jan 2023) is later so the archive would be available by May 2023.	In this case within 6 months of the next national exercise date match release (Jan 2023) is later so the matches would be deleted by July 2023.	The matchkey (no personal data) and any comments recorded by participating organisations would be deleted by June 2027.
ReCheck - scenario 2	Dataset C - submitted September 2022. Matches released same day (i.e. September 2022).	NFI 22/23 is scheduled for October 2022. Dataset C would be resubmitted in October 2022. Therefore the dataset c submitted in September 2022 would be deleted by April 2023.	In this case 12 months after the matches are released is the later date. So the archive would be available in September 2023.	In this case 14 months after the matches are released is the later date. So the archive would be available in November 2023.	The matchkey (no personal data) and any comments recorded by participating organisations would be deleted by September 2028.
AppCheck	Application Record A submitted March 2021.	By September 2021.	n/a	By March 2022.	
Data subsequently proved inaccurate	Data submitted October 2021. Confirmed that 3 records were corrupt in Dec 2021.	By March 2022.	n/a	By March 2022.	By March 2022 (if generated).