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F Legal and Ethical Considerations

STEP

Are the necessary agreements and contracts in place?

PROMPTS

- These may include having an agreement with each employer outlining both parties' expectations
- Are you and the student covered if the company fails?
- Is the programme content compatible with the university's expectations and codes?

RESOURCES

- Refer back to the [Engineering Council Protocol with the PEIs](#) [1]
- Refer back to the [Engineering Council Protocol with HEIs](#) that covers issues arising with the provision of workplace activity [2]

STEP

Data protection issues

PROMPTS

- Ensure that you have permission to share your students' data with employers and with PEIs so that progress can be tracked
- Is the in-company activity commercially sensitive?
- Might the confidential nature of the employees' work affect their ability to submit this for assessment?

employment must enable access to live projects that they could use for

Northumbria University

STEP

Have IPR matters been agreed and documented?

PROMPTS

- Seek advice about your university's requirements

Resource Links

- [1] <http://www.engc.org.uk/media/49369/registration%20protocol%20for%20peis.pdf>
- [2] <http://www.engc.org.uk/media/49342/protocol%20for%20participating%20heis%20and%20fe%20colleges.pdf>

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