

Restriction required by law

Master's theses that contain information that is subject to a statutory duty of secrecy shall be restricted. The rules about secrecy are set out in [section 13 of the Norwegian Public Administration Act](#).

Most theses submitted at MF do not fall under a statutory duty of secrecy. If you think that your thesis falls under the duty of secrecy, contact exam@mf.no after consulting with your supervisor.

The regulations concerning statutory duty of secrecy apply among other things to the following information:

- information about an individual's personal affairs.
- information subject to a duty of secrecy which the researcher obtains from an administrative agency, information received from private sources upon pledge of secrecy in connection with the research.
- information concerning persons who are dependent upon the body (school, hospital, institution, enterprise, public authority etc.) which has arranged for their contact with the researcher.

The duty of secrecy according to section 13 shall not prevent information from being used when no legitimate interest indicates that it should be kept secret, for example when it is generally known or generally accessible elsewhere (point 3 of section 13a).