

DATALAB STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

This form must be completed if any of the following conditions apply (check all that apply): *for example if you are a university academic and undertaking research overseas, complete conditions 2 and 4.*

Condition 1 - The researcher does not meet the statistical experience criteria

Condition 2 - The researcher is an academic from an eligible university

Condition 3 - The researcher is requesting DataLab access from an overseas location

Condition 4 - The researcher is affiliated with an overseas entity

Condition 5 - The researcher has been requested by the ABS to provide assurance of their character and/or experience using detailed microdata

Condition 6 - Government sponsorship support

INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete Section A (Researcher Details)
- Then complete only the page(s) relevant to your request
- Each relevant page must be signed separately
- Email relevant pages, and/or direct questions to mydataportal@abs.gov.au

SECTION A — RESEARCHER DETAILS

Researcher name

Position/Title

Organisation

Project name/s
and number/s

Signature

Date

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CONDITION 1 — Researcher does not meet statistical experience criteria

Purpose

Provide assurance of the researcher's ability to manage detailed ABS microdata and confirmation of appropriate supervision and organisational support.

Required statement

- Summary of the length and nature of supervision of the researcher
- Examples of the researcher's quantitative skills and methods used
- Confirmation of ongoing oversight and support arrangements
- Confirmation that the organisation supports their access to ABS microdata
- Short description of the project aims, data to be used (e.g., PLIDA/BLADE), and expected public benefit

SAMPLE

Endorsing Officer Declaration

The Endorsing Officer must be appropriately senior (e.g. Professor level, Head of School, or Institute Director) and hold delegated authority on behalf of the organisation.

I declare that the information provided in this Statement of Support is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge the ABS conditions of access and accept responsibility for oversight of the researcher's access and compliance.

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CONDITION 2 — Researcher is an academic from an eligible university

Purpose

Verify academic status and capability to handle sensitive microdata in accordance with ABS requirements.

Required statement

- Academic status (e.g., student, adjunct, staff) and department/school
- Field of study and relevant methods training
- Summary of previous research experience using microdata or similar datasets
- Confirmation that the university supports the applicant's access
- Short description of the existing/known project(s), including aims, data to be used, and expected public benefit. *This should only cover currently approved or known projects and does not need to be completed for future or unknown projects.*

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CONDITION 3 — Researcher requesting DataLab access from overseas

Purpose

Provide assurance regarding the security, justification, and public benefit of overseas access.

Required statement

- Reason and justification for overseas access
- How remote access supports project deliverables and timelines
- Confirmation that the supporting officer has reviewed the researcher's security questionnaire
- Short description of the project aims, data to be used, and expected public benefit

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CONDITION 4 — Researcher affiliated with an overseas entity

Purpose

Confirm the details of the overseas affiliation and assess risks associated with the institution and data handling.

Required statement

- Details of the overseas entity (name, jurisdiction, role in the project)
- Purpose for using ABS microdata and how results will be used
- Summary of the researcher's experience with sensitive microdata
- Confirmation of oversight arrangements and organisational support
- Short description of the project aims, data to be used, and expected public benefit

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CONDITION 5 — ABS requested character or capability assurance

Purpose

Respond to ABS request for assurance regarding character, integrity, or microdata handling experience.

Required statement

- Endorsement of the researcher's integrity and professional conduct
- Assessment of capability to manage detailed microdata securely and responsibly
- Relevant context on past work or behaviour (if applicable)
- Confirmation that the researcher understands ABS conditions of access and consequences of misuse
- Short description of the project aims, data to be used, and expected public benefit

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CONDITION 6 — Government sponsorship

Purpose

Provide assurance that the researcher requiring government sponsorship:

- Is an Australian citizen with ongoing or temporary employment.
- Is suitable for the role, including considerations of character, security, and the relevant skills required.
- Has the statistical capability, experience and credibility to undertake the project and access data responsibly
- Is employed by, or engaged under contract to, the sponsoring organisation.
- Is bound by, and will comply with, the Census and Statistics Act 1905 (Cth) and ABS Conditions of Access
- Has appropriate organisational support and oversight arrangements in place.

I, _____ provide my support for:

to access Detailed Survey and/or Integrated Microdata through the ABS DataLab for the project:

I confirm that the researcher has the capability, experience, and professional credibility required to undertake this work and to comply with ABS confidentiality, security, and DataLab access requirements. The researcher is employed by, or engaged under contract to:

The researcher has a current contract to _____ to
undertake the above project, for the period:

I will notify the ABS when this contract expires or is completed.

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I acknowledge that a breach of ABS conditions of access may lead to sanctions imposed by the ABS on the individuals access, their organisation's access and/or the sponsors organisation.

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