

## DATALAB STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

This form must be completed if any of the following conditions apply (check all that apply):

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

### Instructions

- Complete Section A (General Details)
- Then complete only the page(s) relevant to your request
- Each page must be signed separately
- Return and/or direct questions to [mydataportal@abs.gov.au](mailto:mydataportal@abs.gov.au)

### SECTION A — GENERAL DETAILS (Required for all submissions)

#### A1. Referrer / Supporting Researcher Details

(Referrer must be SESB1 or above in federal government, Head of School in a university, Senior Executive in a private organisation)

Name of referrer

Position/Title

Organisation

Signature

Date

#### A2. Researcher Details

##### Researcher Details

Project name and number

Researcher name

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**

#### **Supporting Officer Declaration** (same as referrer or immediate supervisor/project lead)

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.

Name

Position/Title

Organisation

**Signature**

**Date**

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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.

SAMPLE

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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

SAMPLE

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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

SAMPLE

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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

**SAMPLE**

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Name

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Organisation

**Signature**

**Date**