DATALAB STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

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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

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

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.

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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 project aims, data to be used, and expected public benefit

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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Name

Position/Title

Organisation

Signature   **Date**