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| Instructions |

**Complete this form to apply for project access to unit record data via the ABS DataLab. This includes application for access to MADIP, BLADE and other detailed microdata.**

* To submit your completed proposal, or for help, email [data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au)
* The ABS will assess your completed project proposal and contact you if we have any questions.
* The ABS uses the internationally recognised [Five Safes Framework](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/1160.0Main%20Features4Aug%202017?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=1160.0&issue=Aug%202017&num=&view=) for managing safe access to, and safe release of, microdata. The information provided in this form contributes to this risk assessment. The Five Safes are the basis of the Data Sharing Principles published by the Office of the National Data Commissioner in 2019 to guide safe sharing of Commonwealth data.
* All access to microdata must be consistent with the requirements of data custodian(s) and the legislative framework of the ABS including the [*Census and Statistics Act 1905*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C01005) and other conditions around use of the data.
* When access to data from the Department of Social Services (DSS) is requested, the project must be consistent with the requirements of the legislative framework of the DSS, including the:
* Social Security (Administration) Act 1999
* New Tax System (Family Assistance) Administration Act 1999
* Student Assistance Act 1973
* Paid Parental Leave Act 2010
* Final project approval rests with the relevant data custodian(s) and the ABS.
* Amendments to your completed project proposal (e.g., if the project requires access to additional data or additional researchers are required to be added) must be made on this form in tracked changes, and then recorded in the ‘Document history’ table. Amendments must be [sent to](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au) [data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au) by, or with the written approval of, the Project Lead.
* [Charges](https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Microdata+prices) may apply – see [DataLab prices](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/datalab#cost)on the ABS website.

**Consider the following important issues when preparing your project proposal:**

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| **Statistical and/or research purpose** | The project purpose must be for legitimate research or statistical purposes. That is, a project must not be used for compliance purposes, or for any purpose associated with identifying an individual or a business. |
| **Public interest value** | The proposed research must be in the public interest and for public benefit. |
| **Confidentiality** | Research analysis and outputs must not identify an individual person or business. |
| **Data requirements** | Researchers must clearly specify the datasets and reference period they require for their project. Each dataset requested must be relevant to the project purpose. Other data options, including aggregated datasets, must have been ruled out as viable for the research purpose, and justification provided for the use of integrated and detailed microdata. |
| **Available data must be suitable for the project** | Data must be suitable and available for your research purpose. The data must be of sufficient quality for analysis, and the populations of interest and geographic granularity high enough that there is a low risk of identification of individual people or businesses. |
| **Responsible Officer Undertaking in place** | Researchers must be working for a reputable Australian-based organisation willing to submit and maintain a Responsible Officer Undertaking. |
| **Ability of the research team** | Researchers must have the ability to use at least one of the statistical analysis languages available in the DataLab, and at least three years of either quantitative research/analysis experience, or university study with a significant component working with quantitative data. If a researcher does not have this level of experience, they may still apply for access if they are referred by an experienced member of their project team. |
| **DataLab onboarding** | Researchers must complete DataLab onboarding prior to accessing data in the DataLab. This can be undertaken while your proposal is being reviewed. To enrol, see [DataLab safe researcher training](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/1406.0.55.007Main%20Features10User%20Guide?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=1406.0.55.007&issue=User%20Guide&num=&view=). |

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| 1. **Project details** | |
| Project title  (50-character limit) |  |
| Lead organisation  (Include section and branch within organisation) |  |
| Partner organisations  If applicable, list organisations that may reasonably require access to data whether for analysis or discussion, now or in the future.  (Include section and branch within organisation(s)) |  |
| Government organisation sponsor  Required for users seeking to access BLADE or MADIP custom data who are not government employees/contractors, academics, or employed by a public policy research institute |  |

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| 1. **Project timeframes** | |
| Preferred start date for access to the microdata |  |
| Estimated end date for access to the microdata | 30 June 2023  30 June 2024  Other: \_\_ |
| Planned delivery date(s) for anticipated outputs from your proposed project |  |
| Outline any dependencies or important dates that may affect your project proposal |  |

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| 1. **High level project summary** | |
| **3.1 Project aims**  Write a short paragraph summarising the purpose and aims of your proposed project (approximately 50 words)  **Note**: This summary may be published on the ABS website. | |
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| **3.2 Project outcomes**  Outline the anticipated outcomes and proposed public benefit of the project (approximately 50 words)  **Note**: This summary may be published on the ABS website. | |
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| 1. **Research objective and data required** |
| **4.1 Project objectives**  Elaborate on your project summary, including:   * The specific research question(s) to be investigated * How the project purpose is research-based and/or statistical in nature * How the research will provide public benefit |
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| **4.2 Requirement for microdata in the DataLab**  Show that consideration has been given to using aggregate data, MicrodataDownload, TableBuilder and/or publicly available data for this research and justify the need to access this specific data in the DataLab. |
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| **4.3 Research methodology**  Full data specifications are requested in Sections 10 and 11. To help us evaluate the feasibility of this project, describe the research methodology and design, including:   * Key variables of interest * Cohort for analysis * Size of the population(s) * Geographic area(s) of interest * Statistical methods you plan to use |
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| 1. **Sensitive Information** | |
| Indicate if this project is requesting any types of information considered ‘sensitive’ as outlined in the [*Privacy Act 1998*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2014C00076). This includes information per the [Australian Privacy Principles](https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles-guidelines/chapter-b-key-concepts/#sensitive-information)) about the following. | |
| Racial or ethnic origin  Political opinions or associations  Religious or philosophical beliefs  Professional or trade union membership/associations  Sexual orientation or practices  Criminal record  Health or genetic information  Some aspects of biometric information | Indicate why the selected information is required: |

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| 1. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data** | |
| Data from the Census of Population and Housing, the Australian Census Longitudinal Dataset (ACLD) and MADIP contain~~s~~ information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status. | |
| Is information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status being sought for the purpose of this research project?  Yes – Derived information  Yes – Data items from source dataset(s)  No | If yes, describe how this data is intended to be used: |

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| 1. **Ethics**  * Has this research proposal been submitted to an ethics committee? * Has this research proposal been designed and/or reviewed according to the National Health and Medical Research Council’s (NHMRC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research?   **Note:** Data custodians may request ethics approval or consideration as part of their approval requirements |
| No – Provide a reason why and outline if you have undertaken ethics consideration for this project \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Yes - consideration indicates ethics approval not required (select justifications that apply)  Project does not constitute human research  Project poses low or negligible risk  Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Yes - ethics approval has been, or is being sought  Under review (enter ETA for response \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) and name of Ethics Committee  Approved (enter approval period: from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Attach approval letter  Rejected |

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| 1. **Consultation** |
| Indicate whether you have undertaken consultation with any relevant organisations or representative groups to seek community views on the proposed project. Include any planned ongoing involvement of these groups throughout the life of the project. |
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| 1. **Grant review**   Has this research proposal been submitted to a grant review panel? If yes, state whether it has been approved/rejected/currently under review. | |
| Yes/No |  |
| If yes, provide details, including date of approval |  |

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| 1. **Data specifications for projects requiring access to ABS detailed microdata** |
| Through the DataLab, researchers can access detailed microdata and limited release detailed microdata. Provide data sources and reference periods from the [Available Microdata](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder) page. |
| e.g., National Health Survey, 2017-18 |
| National Health Survey, 2014-15 |
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| 1. **Data specifications for projects requiring access to MADIP and/or BLADE microdata**   Select the data you need to answer your research question(s). ABS will be in contact to discuss your data specifications and timing requirements in more detail following submission of this proposal.  **Note:**   * The information you provide in the justification sections below are used when seeking data custodian approval for the project (where applicable). * Any change(s) made to the data specifications after a project is approved may require additional data custodian approvals. * Each dataset requested must be relevant to the project purpose. Ensure the ‘Research objective and data required’ section (above at Section 4) clearly describes how the project purpose relates to each dataset requested below. * Standard modular products are available now for safe researchers on approved projects – these are listed below. If your project needs cannot be met using these standard products, you can request custom data integration services (in Sections 11.1.2 and 11.1.5). Custom extracts are built based upon project needs, are available only to limited users and will be cost recovered. |
| **11.1 MADIP and BLADE Modular Products**  Both the MADIP and BLADE datasets are produced as a set of modules.  All modules listed in the sections 11.1.1 and 11.1.4 below can be linked by a researcher using the supplied concordance files. These concordance files are made available with the modules in the DataLab and do not need to be separately requested. Details on how to use the concordances are provided in explanatory material available in the DataLab.  **How to complete this section**  Step 1: Specify your MADIP and BLADE modular product requirements from the options below  Step 2: Justify your requirement for selected datasets as indicated |
| **11.1.1 MADIP Modular Product**  The MADIP Modular Product (MMP) is comprised of the modules listed below. Please indicate which modules you are requesting access to via the tick boxes.  **Note:** the previous MMP 2011-2019 has been retired as the current version includes an expanded set of available data.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Combined modules** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | **Custodian** | | Combined Demographics  Demographic information derived from:  ATO Client Register (2006-current)  DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data (2006-current)  Medicare Consumer Directory (2006 – current)  Death Registrations (2007- current)  Census 2011 **or** Census 2016 **or** Census 2021 | | **Combined data from 2006-current, updated annually.**  *Select all required from the following modules:*  **Combined Demographics**  **Combined Indigenous Status**  *Note: There are different versions of these modules corresponding to the different Census reference periods.*  **2011**  **2016**  **2021**  **ACLD 2011-2016 5% sample** | | | | | ABS  ATO  DSS  Services Australia | | Combined Locations  Location information derived from:  ATO Client Register (2006-current)  DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data (2006-current)  Medicare Consumer Directory (2006-current) | | **Combined data from 2006-current, updated annually.**  **Combined Locations - Expanded**  *Note: The Combined Locations module was recently expanded to include Mesh Block and anonymised address ID. You will require new approval to access the Expanded version.* | | | | | ATO  DSS  Services Australia | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above **combined** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. Please ensure you also complete the **DSS justification for use** relating to DOMINO Centrelink Administrative data in this document. | | | | | | | | | **Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Census of Population and Housing | | **2011**  **2016**  **2021**  **ACLD 2011-2016 5% sample**  *Note: Only one Census reference period can be accessed within a DataLab workspace. If multiple reference periods are selected, a separate workspace must be established for each reference period. ABS recommend new projects select one Census reference period only.* | | | | | | | Death Registrations | | All available reference periods (including **future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)*  **Or** tick reference periods required:  **2007**   **2008**   **2009**  **2010**  **2011**   **2012**   **2013**  **2014**  **2015**   **2016**   **2017**  **2018**  **2019**   **2020**  **Future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)* | | | | | | | National Health Survey | | **2014-15**   **2017-18**   **2020-21** | | | | | | | Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers | | **2018** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above **ABS** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **Australian Taxation Office (ATO)** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | ATO Client Register | | **2006 – current** | | | | | | | Income Tax Return | | All available reference periods (including **future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)*  **Or tick** reference periods required:  **2001-02**  **2002-03**  **2003-04**  **2004-05**  **2005-06**  **2006-07**  **2007-08**  **2008-09**  **2009-10**  **2010-11**  **2011-12**  **2012-13**  **2013-14**  **2014-15**  **2015-16**  **2016-17**  **2017-18**   **2018-19**  **2019-20**  **Future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)* | | | | | | | Payment Summary | | All available reference periods (including **future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)*  **Or tick** reference periods required:  **2001-02**  **2002-03**  **2003-04**  **2004-05**  **2005-06**  **2006-07**  **2007-08**  **2008-09**  **2009-10**  **2010-11**  **2011-12**  **2012-13**  **2013-14**  **2014-15**  **2015-16**  **2016-17**  **2017-18**   **2018-19**  **2019-20**  **Future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)* | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above **ATO** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **Department of Education** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) | | **Tick** reference periods required:  **2009**   **2012**  **2015**  **2018**  **2021**  **-----------------------------------------------------------------------**  *and select from the following:*  **General module**  *Note: the general module is currently the only available module, however additional modules are in development.* | | | | | | | Higher Education | | **2005 – current** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above Department of Education datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Apprentice and Trainee | | **2006 – current** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above **DEWR** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **Department of Social Services (DSS)** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Data Exchange | | **2015 - 2020** | | | | | | | DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data  Custom DOMINO data request form:    *Double-click to open. Edit, ‘save-as’, and include as an additional attachment.* | | **Data from 2006-current, updated annually.**  *Select all required from the following modules:*  **Older Students**  **Working Age**  **Families & Children**  **Disability & Carers**  **Retirement & Widows**  **Additional custom requirements**  *For custom requirements, complete custom DOMINO data request form*  *Ongoing updates will require re-approval from the data custodian after 2 years, by <insert date here>*  **Sensitive demographics**  *Select the following if required*  **Indigenous Status** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above **DSS** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis.  NOTE: If your proposal includes DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data, DSS requires further justification. Outline relevance of this research to the Department of Social Services (DSS) in order to satisfy the legislative requirements of the DSS. Note: MADIP Combined Locations and Combined Demographics datasets include DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data.  Include:   * Your intended use of DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data and how this will inform your analysis * How the intended outcomes from your research are relevant to DSS. See here for matters of relevance [www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities](http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities) and for further reference refer to the DSS Annual Report <https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/annual-reports> | | | | | | | | | **Department of Health and Aged Care** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Australian Immunisation Register | | **2010 – current**  *Currently updated weekly, concurrent with the COVID-19 vaccine program*. *Anticipated reversion to quarterly updates in the future* | | | | | | | Medicare Benefits Schedule | | **Tick** reference periods required:  **2011**   **2012**  **2013**  **2014**  **2015**   **2016**  **2017**  **2018**  **2019**   **2020**   **2021**  **Future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)*  **-----------------------------------------------------------------------**  *Select one of the following:*  **Full scope claims level data**  **Custom scope** *See MADIP data item list and discuss custom scope requirements with ABS project lead* | | | | | | | Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme | | **Tick** reference periods required:  **2011**   **2012**  **2013**  **2014**  **2015**   **2016**  **2017**  **2018**  **2019**   **2020**   **2021**  **Future reference periods** *(As available over the life of the project)*  **-----------------------------------------------------------------------**  *Select one of the following:*  **Full scope claims level data**  **Custom scope** *See MADIP data item list and discuss custom scope requirements with ABS project lead* | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above Department of **Health** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **Department of Home Affairs** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Migrant | | **Data from 2000-current, updated annually.**  *Select all required from the following modules:*  **Demographics**  **Travellers**  **Visa**  **Permanent Migrants**  **Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), 2003-2019** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected the above Department of **Home Affairs** dataset, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. (Please also provide specific justification for the use of **AMEP** if this is one of your requested modules). | | | | | | | | | **National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Total VET Activity | | **2015**   **2016**  **2017**  **2018**  **2019**   **2020**   **2021\*** *when available*  **Sensitive demographics**  *Select from the following if required*  **Indigenous Status**  **Disability Status**  **Country of Birth**  **Language Spoken** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected the above **NCVER** dataset, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis.  Include:   * How the required data will inform your research objectives * If your project requires any of the sensitive data items (in checkboxes above), how these will inform your research objectives | | | | | | | | | **National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | National Disability Insurance Scheme | | **2013** – **2021**  *Select one or both of the following:*  **Participant data**  **Provider data** | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected the above **NDIA** dataset, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **Services Australia** | | | | | | | | | **Data source** | | **Module** | | | | | | | Medicare Consumer Directory | | **2006 – current**  *Updated annually for the period ending 30 June. Access is pre-approved for new reference periods as they become available over the life of the project.* | | | | | | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected any of the above **Services Australia** datasets, provide a brief justification in this box for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis. | | | | | | | | | **11.1.2 Other MADIP Data Requirements** | | | | | | | | | **Additional MADIP Linkage -** Does your project require the linking of any **additional** data to MADIP? | | | | | | | | | YES  NO | | | | | | | | | Dataset proposed for new linkage: | *e.g., Dataset 1* | | | *e.g., Dataset 2* | | *e.g., Dataset 3* | | | Reference periods: |  | | |  | |  | | | Does the dataset include a unique identifier that can be used to link to MADIP?  *An ID that is on a dataset already in MADIP, e.g., scrambled Medicare PIN, scrambled Tax File Number* | Yes – specify:  No – dataset to be linked using information on name, address, date of birth, and gender. | | | Yes – specify:  No – dataset to be linked using information on name, address, date of birth, and gender. | | Yes – specify:  No – dataset to be linked using information on name, address, date of birth, and gender. | | | Custodian(s) of the proposed dataset: |  | | |  | |  | | | Has data supply been negotiated? (Outline progress) |  | | |  | |  | | | **If you want new reference periods for this additional linkage when they become available, or additional data during the lifespan of the project, contact** [data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au)**.** | | | | | | | | | **Re-use of previous linkage –** Is your project requesting to re-use data that has been previously linked for another project but is not currently included in the MADIP Modular Product? | | | | | | | | | YES  NO | | | | | | | | | Dataset proposed for re-use: | *e.g., Dataset 1* | | *e.g., Dataset 2* | | *e.g., Dataset 3* | | | | Reference periods: |  | |  | |  | | | | Custodian(s) of the proposed dataset: |  | |  | |  | | | | **Other data requirements (specify)**  Includes access to other [ABS microdata products,](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder) and requests to load other un-linked data (including aggregate data) to your DataLab project |  | | | | | | | | **11.1.3 List any existing access to other MADIP Data** (E.g., MADIP Modular Product 2011-2019 cohort data has now been retired) | | | | | | | | | Not Applicable  **Or**  Tick the old **MADIP Modular Product** (2011-2019 Cohort) modules your project is currently accessing:  Core module (ATO, SA, DSS, ABS)  Geography (longitudinal) module (ATO, SA, DSS, ABS)  Census 2011 **and/or** 2016 (ABS)  Selected 4-digit level variables:  Industry (4-digit ANZSIC)  Occupation (4-digit ANZSCO)  National Health Survey, 2014/15 and 2017/18 (ABS)  Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2018 (ABS)  PIT – Continuous (ATO)  PIT – Ranged (ATO)  Selected 4-digit level variables:  Occupation (4-digit ANZSCO)  Apprentice and Trainee (DEWR)  Selected 4-digit level variables:  Industry (4-digit ANZSIC)  Higher Education (Department of Education)  DOMINO Centrelink Administrative Data (DSS)  Medicare Benefits Schedule (Department of Health)  Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (Department of Health) | | | | | | | | |

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| **11.1.4 BLADE Modular Product**  The BLADE Modular Product (BMP) consists of the modules listed below.  Access to BLADE standard product modules is provided collectively. That is, an approved user will be given access to all datasets which form the BLADE Standard product as individual custodian approval for each dataset is not required.  Access to the BLADE Merchandise Trade Module and/or MADIP modules is granted on a per-module basis, consistent with the process for data custodian approval. |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **BLADE Standard** | | | Data source | Module | | **BLADE Standard Module**  *Refer to latest BLADE Data Item List for currently available variables/years* | * Indicative data items (e.g., State, ANZSIC) * Business Activity Statement (BAS) * Pay As You Go (PAYG) * Business Income Tax (BIT) * Business Locations * ASIC Business Insolvency * Intellectual Property Longitudinal Research Data (IPLORD) - trimmed * Agriculture Indicative Items * ABS Business Characteristics Survey (BCS) * ABS Business Characteristics Survey: Management Capabilities Module (MCM) * ABS Business Expenditure on Research and Development (BERD) * ABS Private Non-Profit Expenditure on Research and Development (PNPRD) * ABS Research and Experimental Development, Government (GOVRD) * ABS Economic Activity Survey (EAS) * ABS Survey: Employee, Earnings & Hours (EEH) * ABS Survey of Business Conditions and Sentiments * ABS Energy Water and Environment Survey (EWES) * ABS Capital Expenditure Survey * Intellectual Property Longitudinal Research Data (IPLORD) | | **Merchandise Trade** | | | Data source | Module | | **Merchandise Exports Data** | Reference period(s) included:   * From 2003-04 (new data added every six months) | | **Merchandise Imports Data** | Reference period(s) included:   * From 2003-04 (new data added every six months) | | **Justification for use:**  If you have selected either the above **Merchandise Exports** or **Merchandise Imports** datasets, provide a justification for your intended use of the data and how this will inform your analysis.  Include:   * How the Merchandise Exports and/or Imports data is intended to be used in the project (noting that it cannot be used for compliance purposes, or for any purpose associated with identifying an individual or business). * A summary of how the project purpose:   + is research-based and/or statistical in nature;   + relates to the requested Merchandise Exports and/or Imports data; and   + and will provide public benefit. * The intended statistical method you plan to use. * Anticipated outputs in the use of this data, including information on the granularity (e.g., specific sub-populations, expected cross-classifications) of your results.   Questions relating to Summary Statistics:   * If you intend to produce and release summary statistics directly from the Merchandise Trade BLADE data, be very specific regarding the nature of these aggregations. * In particular, are you intending to produce the sum of Import or Exports value for any classifications? If so, which classifications are intended to be used as part of this summation? (e.g., industry, commodity, state, country of origin, country of final destination). | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **11.1.5 Other BLADE Data Requirements**  **Additional BLADE Linkage -** Does your project require linking of any **additional** data to BLADE? | | | | | YES  NO | | | | | Dataset proposed for new linkage: | *e.g., Dataset 1* | *e.g., Dataset 2* | *e.g., Dataset 3* | | Reference periods: |  |  |  | | Custodian(s) of the proposed dataset: |  |  |  | | Has data supply been negotiated? (Outline progress) |  |  |  | | **If you want new reference periods for this additional linkage when they become available or additional data during the lifespan of the project, contact** [data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au) | | | | | **Re-use of previous linkage –** Is your project requesting to re-use data that has been previously linked for another project but is not currently included in the BLADE Modular Product? | | | | | YES  NO | | | | | Dataset proposed for re-use: | *e.g., Dataset 1* | *e.g., Dataset 2* | *e.g., Dataset 3* | | Reference periods: |  |  |  | | Custodian(s) of the proposed dataset: |  |  |  | | **Other data requirements (specify)**  Includes access to other [ABS microdata products,](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder) and requests to load other un-linked data (including aggregate data) to your DataLab project |  | | | |

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| 1. **Project team member(s) to access data in the DataLab**   Provide details of all the DataLab users who will work directly with microdata in the DataLab for this project. These users are required to undergo safe researcher training and DataLab onboarding requirements. Click on [Safe researcher training](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1406.0.55.007main+features10User+Guide) to enrol.  Statistical software  DataLab users require quantitative research skills and the ability to query large datasets based on their parameters of interest. Standard statistical software available in the DataLab includes R, R Studio, Python, Anaconda Navigator, UltraEdit and Stata. SAS is also available but will incur an annual charge. Please see the ‘Charges’ section below for further information.  Student access  Indicate whether the researcher is a Higher Degree Research student.  How to add/remove project researchers  The Project Lead can request the addition or removal of project researchers by emailing an updated project proposal to [data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au). Charges are based on the number of researchers included in this project proposal.  Charges   * DataLab charges apply to some projects based on the number of analysts and access to non-standard services. See [DataLab prices](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/datalab#cost)on the ABS website for more information. | | | | | | | | |
| Name | Organisation | [Role](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/datalab/using-datalab-responsibly)  (Project lead/  Analyst) | Phone | Email | Student  (Y/N) | Is SAS required? (Y/N)  (This will incur an annual [charge](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/datalab/using-datalab-responsibly)) | Is access to an above large virtual machine required? (Y/N)  (This will incur an annual [charge](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/datalab/using-datalab-responsibly)) | ABS Registration Centre  User ID  (Each DataLab user must [register](https://registrationcentre.abs.gov.au/registration/register.jsp#OUTSIDE_PROC)) |
| Example: John Smith | Australian Bureau of Statistics | Project Lead | (02) 6252 1234 | John.smith@abs.gov.au | N | Y | N | 011235813 |
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| 1. **Project team member(s) to discuss but not access unvetted data**   Provide details of all the researchers who will discuss unvetted data prior to its release from the DataLab. These researchers will not require access to the DataLab via a unique login account. These researchers are required to undergo safe researcher training and DataLab onboarding requirements. Click on [Safe researcher training](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1406.0.55.007main+features10User+Guide) to enrol.  List organisations that may reasonably need to be discussants over the course of the project. | | | | | |
| Name | Organisation | [Role](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/datalab/using-datalab-responsibly)  (Project Lead/ Discussant) | Phone | Email | ABS Registration Centre  User ID  (Each DataLab users must [Register](https://registrationcentre.abs.gov.au/registration/register.jsp#OUTSIDE_PROC)) |
| Example: Sarah Jones | Australian Bureau of Statistics | Discussant | (02) 6252 7890 | Sarah.jones@abs.gov.au | 138532110 |
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| 1. **Anticipated** **outputs and dissemination methods**  * Researchers must comply with rules of microdata access and release set out in the [Responsible Use of ABS Microdata User Guide](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1406.0.55.003). * Researchers must provide two weeks written notice to the ABS ([data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au)) of any pending publication of work from this project, including presentations at academic conferences. A citation of your work will be added to the short online description of your project once your work is published. * The ABS encourages researchers to share their research findings (which have been cleared for confidentiality by the ABS) and make the results publicly available. | | | |
| **14.1 Outputs**   * Outline anticipated outputs of your proposed project. For example, derived aggregate data items (such as geospatial aggregates), aggregated tables, indexes, new methodology, and regressions. * Elaborate on the granularity of your results. For example, the level of geography and sub-populations~~)~~. Note**:** Unit record data cannot be output from the DataLab. | | | |
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| **14.2 Dissemination methods**  Outline how the results of your research will be disseminated. For example, in-house report, published report or information paper, journal article, and/or presentation (at conferences or other fora). | | | |
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| **14.3 Acknowledgement of two week notice of publication period** (Required for projects requiring access to MADIP and/or BLADE microdata).  Write the full name of the Project Lead to acknowledge you understand the above stated requirement that~~:~~ you must provide two weeks written notice to the ABS (email [data.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:data.services@abs.gov.au)) of any pending publication of work from this project, including presentations at academic conferences. | | | |
| **Project Lead** |  | **Date acknowledged (DD/MM/YYYY)** |  |