

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS TO THE DATALAB DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE

1. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides access to the DataLab for users to research using information in the form of individual statistical records (microdata) disclosed under subsection 15(1) of the *Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018*.
2. Any person accessing the DataLab is required to comply with the requirements for access to microdata, including as outlined in the [Undertaking by a Responsible Officer of an Organisation, Undertaking by an Individual in an organisation, and/or Conditions of Use for Data in DataLab](#).
3. Any person accessing the DataLab is required to comply with the following conditions of access.

DECLARATION:

I (full name)

of (organisation)

1. will comply with:
 - a. all instructions from the ABS relating to DataLab, including participating in ABS regular audits as required;
 - b. all requirements for access to information in DataLab including, but not limited to, complying with protocols and procedures for access and use (including appropriate use of technology) as notified by the ABS; and
 - c. any other requirements notified by the ABS, from time to time, with regard to access to information in DataLab.
2. will refrain from removing information from DataLab:
 - a. in any way, including capturing on-screen information during my DataLab session through electronic or handwritten notes, video/screen sharing or otherwise; and
 - b. that has not been cleared and released from DataLab by the ABS.
3. when accessing DataLab, will:
 - a. protect the screen from oversight by other people;
 - b. keep my DataLab log in credentials secure;
 - c. strictly adhere to security best practices as set out on the ABS website: [Using DataLab responsibly](#), as amended from time to time, when accessing DataLab;
 - d. use an organisational approved device; and
 - e. use a secure internet connection when accessing DataLab and ensure no other network interfaces or VPNs are used.
4. will not make any attempt to match or link:
 - a. any data I have access to (either within my organisation or from any other source) with the microdata I have access to in DataLab; or
 - b. the microdata in DataLab I have access to with any other microdata in DataLab to which I have separately been given access. This does not preclude me from joining microdata records where identifiers have been provided by the ABS for this purpose.
5. will not access the DataLab from outside of Australia except where approval has been granted by the ABS. Where approval has been granted to access DataLab outside of Australia, I will comply with the following additional conditions:
 - a. only use a secure internet connection when accessing DataLab, which is both private and password protected;

- b. not use a virtual private network (VPN) to access DataLab, unless using my organisation's VPN; and
 - c. regularly monitor the travel advice for the relevant country, as published on Smartraveller.gov.au, and cease access immediately to DataLab upon becoming aware of advice not to travel to that country.
6. will immediately inform the ABS if my circumstances change, including if I:
 - a. change roles or leave my organisation; or
 - b. move to another country or location not approved for my access (including travelling overseas).
7. will immediately inform the ABS if I have or develop in-depth knowledge of any sub-populations I intend to analyse that would make it likely that I would identify an individual or organisation.
8. will immediately inform the ABS if I am restricted from accessing government data or any other data for whatever reason, including due to misuse of data or a breach of policy/procedures.
9. agree that the ABS may publish information on the ABS website about my DataLab research (unless otherwise agreed by the ABS in writing), including my name, organisation, project details, the microdata I have access to, and links to published works resulting from my DataLab research.
10. have:
 - ☐ **for analysts:** at least three years of either, quantitative research experience and have the ability to use at least one of the statistical analytical languages available
 - ☐ **for discussants:** if I change roles to an analyst, I will submit an updated Declaration of Compliance form
 - ☐ attached a statement of support (where applicable)
11. acknowledge that all my DataLab sessions will be regularly monitored and audited to ensure compliance with ABS security policies and all requirements for accessing DataLab and/or microdata, including these conditions of access, any undertakings and conditions of use.
12. understand that any failure to comply with these conditions of access and/or any other requirements for accessing DataLab and/or microdata, may result in the ABS removing access to DataLab for me and/or my organisation.

Full name	Signature	Date

Return completed declaration to the ABS

A scanned copy of the signed declaration can be provided to the ABS via:

Email: mydataportal@abs.gov.au