

# Confirmation of confidentiality and security

Due to the **MM\_YYYY\_ABCD** application for access to microdata

**With his or her signature a researcher, who applies for access to Statistics Iceland's data, confirms that:**

1. Data from Statistics Iceland, to which the researcher is granted access, will only be used for the benefit of the research described in this application for access to confidential data.
2. The researcher guarantees full confidentiality regarding the information contained in Statistics Iceland's data to which he or she is granted access.
3. Others than those specified in the application will not have access to Statistics Iceland's data or login information to use the institution's research environment.
4. Statistics Iceland will be notified when the study is concluded and will receive information on the publication of the results.
5. In all publications of the results of the study, Statistics Iceland must be referred to as the source of the data.
6. The researcher is aware that Statistics Iceland hides the traceability of data to which the researcher has access in accordance with the institution's rules on security and traceability, as provided for in Article 13 of the Act on Statistics Iceland and Official Statistics (163/2007).
7. The researcher is obliged to inform the Research Service of Statistics Iceland if he encounters something that could be improved when it comes to the security of the data.
8. Researchers will not save any data except in a specially designed folder in Statistics Iceland's research environment or make a copy of it in any way.
9. Researchers will not store any external information in Statistics Iceland's research environment.
10. It is clear to researchers that in order to ensure the security of the data, no copies will be made of the researchers' work on the data in Statistics Iceland's research environment.
11. It is clear to researchers that an employee of Statistics Iceland will monitor the work of researchers in the institution's research environment.
12. It is clear to the researchers that an employee of Statistics Iceland will evaluate the data that the researchers store in a specially designed folder and send the researchers the data (i.e. results) that meet the institution's security requirements for data traceability.
13. If researchers break these rules, the sponsor of the study will lose its position as a certified research institute according to Statistics Iceland's criteria and will not be able to apply for access to the micro-data access at Statistics Iceland. Furthermore, the researcher's access to the data will be blocked immediately.
14. Researchers are aware that misuse of Statistics Iceland's data or incorrect handling of it can be in violation of the law. If there is a suspicion that a researcher has violated the law, the institution will immediately block the researcher's access to the data and refer the case to the appropriate authorities.



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15. Researchers are aware the data will be accessible for 4 years from the time when access is provided, unless otherwise stated and agreed upon by all parties. When research activities end, the researcher will notify Statistics Iceland.

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Place and date

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Signature of the applicant

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Name of the applicant