

Accessing and sharing data for teaching

Arrangements for using data for teaching and learning depend on the license terms and conditions as described below. You can also find details about sharing data on Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs), dissertation students and accessing data online.

Using open data

An open licence has relatively few restrictions on use. Neither login nor registration are required for these data collections and you can share open data with learners. Normally, the terms of the licence require you to indicate the data source and the license details within any content you create.

Our collection of open data includes:

- teaching datasets with data from key UK Surveys
- data from the UK Census
- international data such data from the World bank

Safeguarded data with an End User License (EUL)

The EUL requires registration and restricts the sharing of data. With these access conditions, EUL data can be used in teaching, but we need to be careful about how instructors and learners' access and share data to avoid data breaches. Three different options for accessing and sharing data are described below.

Option 1: Instructors and learners register and download data individually

EUL data can be used for teaching and learning if all instructors and learners register with the UK Data Service and download the required data using a UK Data Service project for non-commercial use. Students at UK Higher Education Institutions can register using institutional authentication.

Option 2: Set up a Teaching project and get all students/instructors to register with the UK Data Service

A teaching project allows teachers and trainers to share EUL data with learners and other instructors. Before sharing, you must ensure everyone who has access to the data is registered with the UK Data Service and aware of their obligations regarding data handling and licensing. When accessing data you want to use, set up a Teaching project through your

UK Data service account. See here for more information about [How to download and order your data](#).

Option 3: Set up a Teaching project and then use the Access Agreement for Teaching

The Access Agreement for Teaching allows you to share EUL data with students and other instructors who are not registered with the UK Data Service. You will need to complete the form and email it to help@ukdataservice.ac.uk (with details of the Teaching project number). Anyone accessing the data in this way, still needs to agree to the conditions before accessing data. You can use a paper version of the form in class for set up a virtual equivalent. Our guide on [How to use VLEs to set-up the Access Agreement for Teaching](#) (PDF) includes more information.

Special license and controlled data

Special license and controlled data cannot be used for teaching and learning. However, data classed as open or safeguarded can be used for teaching and learning as described below.

Can I put data on a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)?

Open data can be shared through a VLE. You can also have EUL data on shared areas such as websites or VLEs for teaching purposes if access is restricted to those who have agreed to the conditions, either individually or through the Access Agreement for Teaching. Data should be removed from shared areas when no longer required.

What about students doing projects or dissertations?

When students are using data independently, such as when working on a project or dissertation, they need to [register with the UK Data Service](#) and access data individually.

Can you explore data online?

We have several online tools supporting online data exploration.

- Many survey datasets are available in [Nesstar](#), which allows students to explore survey. For some datasets, students will need to register and log-in to use all the functions available.
- You can explore international macro databanks online using the [UK Data Service. Stat International Macrodata Platform](#).
- [Infuse](#) provides easy access to aggregated data from the UK 2011 and 2001 censuses.

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