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| Instructions | **Internal Reference Code** |
| Click here to enter text. |
| * Refer to the AEDC Data Guidelines when completing this application * Prior to submitting an application, organisations that have received AEDC data under an existing agreement or licence should contact their nominated AEDC Authorised Data User to check if they can access the required data to avoid incurring any unnecessary fees. * Email completed form to [support@aedc.gov.au](mailto:support@aedc.gov.au) as a Word document. The ‘Declarations and Signature’ page (section 12) can be scanned and provided separately. | For any queries, contact:  **AEDC Data Management**  E**:** [support@aedc.gov.au](mailto:support@aedc.gov.au)  Ph: (03) 9114 1555 |

## **Applicant details**

The person shown here will be the main contact that the Data Management Agency (DMA) or the Department will liaise with in relation to the application. If the macrodata application is approved the ‘applicant’ will become the Authorised Data User and ultimately be responsible for the AEDC data in accordance with the AEDC Data Guidelines. Where the applicant is not the intended Authorised Data User, please nominate the appropriate person in the relevant section below.

The personal information in this form will be collected by the Australian Government Department of Education (Department) and its contracted service provider as part of the proper administration of the AEDC. If this personal information is not collected, it will not be possible [to process this application].

The Department and its contracted service provider may disclose the relevant personal information (to each other and to other Commonwealth agencies and third parties) if required for the proper administration of the AEDC and will protect the personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). The personal information will not be disclosed to any overseas recipients.

To find out more about how to access or correct personal information, or make a complaint, see the Department’s Privacy Policy.

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| **Job Title** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **Project role** | | Indicate the role the applicant will play in the project (e.g. Chief researchers, project manager etc.). | | | | |

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| **Nominated as the Authorised Data User** | **Yes** | | |
| **No** | **If no, nominate the Authorised Data User** | Name of nominated Authorised Data User if not the applicant. Provide details in the additional applicant section. |

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| **Qualifications and relevant experience** | If the applicant is the nominated Authorised Data User, provide a summary of qualifications and relevant experience (max 200 words). | | |
| **Email** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Phone** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Organisation** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **ABN** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Postal Address** | | **Billing Address** | **Street Address** (If required) |
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## **Project overview**

Provide a brief overview of the project using plain English with no jargon. For projects that are releasing results publicly the information in this section will be used to provide a summary of the research on the AEDC website. Please inform the DMA if you do not wish to have this information published on the AEDC website.

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| **Project title** | The research project’s official title. |
| **Short title** | Short title of project, if applicable. Where possible, short title should be in plain English and succinctly describe the project to a lay person. |
| **Project description** | Describe the project without the use of complex language or jargon (300 words max.) |
| **Purpose and Objectives** | Describe the projects purpose and objectives without the use of complex language or jargon (200 words max.) |

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| **Geographic Area study covers**  (Tick all that apply) | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA |
| TAS | VIC | WA | National (includes all areas) | |

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| **Keywords** | Relevant keywords (10 word max.) that will be used to index and classify the project and will be the main search terms for projects on the AEDC website. | | |
| **Start date** | Preferred date for project commencement. | **End date** | Projected anticipated completion date (no later than the date ethical clearance concludes). |

## **Detailed project information**

Provide details on the planned research and analysis that will be undertaken with the requested AEDC data.

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| **Research aims and questions** | List research aims, questions and/or hypotheses in a numbered format. |
| **Research plan and reason for requesting the data** | Research outline or overview, including project purpose and significance. Where the research plan or reason for requesting the uses acronyms or initials, these must be clearly explained. |
| **Analysis techniques** | Summarise the techniques that will be used to analyse the data |

## **Data Requirements**

### Collections

Select which collection(s) are required.

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| **2009** |  | **2012** |  | **2015** |  | **2018** |  | **2021** |  | **2024** |  | **ALL** |  |

While the AvEDI for each collection is slightly different, they have been made consistent and comparable for the purposes of data analysis.

### Data tables/profile information

Describe the data that is required. Refer to the AEDC Data Guidelines and the [AEDC Data Dictionary](http://www.aedc.gov.au/resources/detail/aedc-data-dictionary)[[1]](#footnote-1) for further assistance in identifying the correct data. Mock-ups of requested tables and data layouts must be submitted (attachments must be in Excel format).

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| **Data requirements** | Detail the data tables or profile information requirements. |
| **Attachments** | Detail any attachments provided (if any). |

## **Publication and reporting**

Provide details about the intended publication and reporting aims of AEDC data and results. In this context, ‘publication’ or ‘reporting’ means the circulation of AEDC data beyond the Authorised and Permitted Data User(s) as outlined in the AEDC Data Guidelines.

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| **Will data or results of analysis be published?** |  | **Yes** | Provide details of how they will be made public (e.g. publication in journals, presentation at conference or public forums, etc.) |
|  | **No** | Provide details of how they will not be made public (e.g. internal reporting and briefing notes, etc.) |
| **Publication and presentation plan** | List all planned publications and presentations and include a description and estimated publication date, noting the Publication Rules in the AEDC Data Guidelines. | | |

## **Project Benefits**

Summarise the project’s benefits to the following key communities (if not applicable, explain why).

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| **Policy** | Summarise the benefits of the research to the policy community. |
| **Education** | Summarise the benefits of the research to schools, educators and pedagogues. |
| **Other** | Summarise the benefits of the research to the wider community, including participants, parents and the research or academic communities. |

## **Project Risks and Risk Management**

Detail potential risks associated with the following categories and what mitigation and/or management steps will be implemented to address them.

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| **Risk of re-identification and/or disclosure of sensitive information** | Explain any potential risks associated with re-identification and/or disclosure of personal, sensitive and/or health information or any activities that could result in any type of re-identification or disclosure.  Explanation of how each risk will be responded to, minimised and managed. Researchers should also indicate how the benefits of the research will outweigh any identified risks. |
| **Risks associated with project team’s access and handling of the data** | Explain any potential risks associated with project team’s data access, handling and usage of the data. Particularly explain any possible personal, social, economic or legal harm that could result (directly or indirectly) during the project’s life.  Explanation of how each risk will be responded to, minimised and managed. Researchers should also indicate how the benefits of the research will outweigh any identified risks. |
| **Risks associated with dissemination and/or publication of findings** | Explain any potential risks associated with dissemination and/or publication of both positive and negative findings from any AEDC data analysis.  Detail any potential harm to children, teachers, schools, or communities associated with the publication of AEDC results (with reference to any identified risks).  Explanation of how each risk will be responded to, minimised and managed. Researchers should also indicate how the benefits of the research will outweigh any identified risks. |

## **Relevant Legislations**

Detail consideration of the relevant and applicable Commonwealth, State and/or Territory legislation, particularly in relation to privacy and the handling of personal information.

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| **Relevant legislations** | Click here to enter text. |

## **Project Human Research Ethics Approval**

Detail the project’s Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval.

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| **Human Research Ethics Committee approval** | **Approved by a HREC** |  | Attach a copy of the approval. If more than one HREC has granted approval provide the details below in an attachment, along with copies. | |
| **Source** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Start Date** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **End Date** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Awaiting approval** |  | Provide a copy as soon as it becomes available. Data will not be released for the project until approval has been received. | |
| **Not applicable** |  | Detail why ethics approval is not applicable. | |

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Applicants that are unsure if the proposed usage of AEDC data requires Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval should seek independent information from the National Medical Health and Research Council (NMHRC) website at [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au), the ‘*Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Human Research Ethics Committees’* or the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* guidelines. Alternatively, contact the NMHRC at [ethics@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:ethics@nhmrc.gov.au).

## Any information provided by the DMA in relation to HREC approval is provided for guidance only and does not constitute legal advice, nor should it be treated as a substitute for legal or professional advice, particularly in relation to subjects such as human research ethical approval requirements, privacy and the use and storage of personal information.

## **Data Security**

Provide details of how AEDC data will be securely stored, protected from unauthorised access, misuse or loss, and how the data will be securely destroyed at the conclusion of the project. Further information can be provided as an attachment.

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| **Data Storage** | Where and in what format will the AEDC data be stored during the project?  Detail all secure storage arrangements. Include details of all storage locations, including any off-site locations (e.g. research institution or organisational electronic file repositories). |
| **Data Usage** | Describe the measures that will be used to protect AEDC Data from unauthorised access, misuse or loss. Detail all security measures, including password protection, procedures for ensuring that data access is restricted to the research team, data security training and any project specific data handling and security protocols should be detailed in this section. |
| **Data Disposal** | Describe how the AEDC data will be securely destroyed at the conclusion of the project. |

## **Additional applicants**

Once an application has been approved additional applicants will become Permitted Data Users, unless nominated to be the Authorised Data User. All Data Users, including the Authorised Data User and Permitted Data Users, are required to comply with the AEDC Data Guidelines. The DMA must be informed of any changes to applicant details following application approval (refer to section 5.4 of the [AEDC Data Guidelines](http://www.aedc.gov.au/aedc-data-guidelines) for further information). If there are more additional applicants, please provide their details as a separate attachment.

### Additional applicant 1

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| **Job Title** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | | | | |
| **Project Role** | | Indicate the role the applicant will play in the project (e.g. Chief researchers, project manager etc.). | | | | | | | |
| **Nominated as the Authorised Data User** | | | | | | **Yes** | | | |
| **No** | | | |
| **Qualifications and relevant experience** | | If this applicant is the nominated Authorised Data User, provide a summary of qualifications and relevant experience (max 200 words). | | | | | | | |
| **Same organisational details as Applicant** | | | | | | **Yes** | | | |
| **No** | | **If no, provide details below.** | |
| **Organisation** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | | | | |
| **Email** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | | | | |
| **Phone** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | | | | |
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| Only provide if organisation is different to the Applicant. | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | | |

### Additional applicant 2

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| **Job Title** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | | | |
| **Project Role** | | Indicate the role the applicant will play in the project (e.g. Chief researchers, project manager etc.). | | | | | | |
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| **Same organisational details as Applicant** | | | | | |  | | |
| **Organisation** | | Click here to enter text. | | | | | | |
| **Postal Address** | | | | | **Street Address** (If required) | | | |
| Only provide if organisation is different to the Applicant. | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |

## **Declaration and Signatures**

I/we, the applicant(s):

1. certify and acknowledge that the information given is true and correct and that in making a false or misleading statement, could be penalised through the immediate cancellation of this application’s approval and the withdrawal of access to AEDC Data
2. understand that the personal information in this form will be collected by the Australian Government Department of Education (Department) and its contracted service provider as part of the proper administration of the AEDC. If this personal information is not collected, it will not be possible [to process this application].
3. have read and understood the AEDC Data Guidelines and agree to comply with its requirements
4. agree to undertake the responsibilities outlined in the AEDC Data Guidelines as the nominated Authorised Data User and Permitted Data User(s)
5. will ensure that the use of AEDC data and the research project is conducted in accordance with:
   * any legislation relevant to the proposed project
   * the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research
   * the ethical and research arrangements of the organisations involved in the project
   * Commonwealth and relevant State/Territory law
   * privacy and confidentiality requirements as required by law
6. will not link AEDC Data with data from other sources not shown in this application
7. will store all AEDC Data in any form (including CD-ROMs, DVDs, files or printout with unit records) securely
8. will return or destroy all copies of or extracts of AEDC data and provide certification or other suitable evidence to the DMA of this action upon completion of the project
9. will comply with any information access, renewal processes and/or any request from the DMA or the Department to review arrangements concerning storage and use of AEDC data
10. certify and acknowledge that the applicant(s) and individuals involved in the research project (whether named in this application or not) will:
    * use the AEDC data only for the purposes of statistical analysis and/or research and for the project as outlined in this application
    * not disclose information that could reasonably result in the identity of an individual student, teacher, school or community member being directly or indirectly ascertained
    * not disclose or allow access to AEDC data to anyone who has not been authorised in accordance with the AEDC Data guidelines
11. warrant that, each Authorised Data User and Permitted Data User(s):
    * have no conflict of interest or is one likely to arise while in receipt of Confidential Information
    * will not permit any situation to arise or engage in any activity that may result in a conflict of interest with the Organisation’s receipt of Confidential Information
12. will immediately inform the DMA if the project experiences a serious or adverse event, a breach of the proposed data security or storage procedures or there is a significant unforeseen event that could affect the ongoing viability of the project.

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| **Applicant** | **Authorised Data User\*** |
| Name | Name |
| Sign | Sign |
| Date | Date |

\*If the Applicant and Authorised Data User is the same person, this form should be counter-signed by one of the additional applicants who will have a senior role in the project.

1. www.aedc.gov.au/resources/detail/aedc-data-dictionary [↑](#footnote-ref-1)