

## What the Code means for senior decision makers and organisational leaders

Organisations that produce official statistics should commit to the standards of the *Code of Practice for Statistics*. The *Code* is one of the key organisational frameworks that enable public organisations to serve Ministers and the public.

Your organisation should apply the Code to demonstrate:

- Its **trustworthiness**, through commitments to clear, orderly publication of statistics
- The **quality** of its outputs
- The **value** of the insight it provides

The Code will allow your organisation to publish and communicate its statistics in a way that inspires public confidence. The public value of statistics is at the heart of this Code.

### By complying with the Code, your organisation will show that:

- It is **ethical and honest** in using any data
- It has a **strong culture of professional analysis**
- It **respects evidence**
- It is **open and transparent** about the strengths and limitations of its statistics
- It **communicates accurately, clearly and impartially**
- It is committed to **engaging publicly** to understand user needs

These outcomes are underpinned by the three pillars of **Trustworthiness**, **Quality** and **Value**.

### Compliance also shows that your organisation does not:

- Share unpublished data and statistics without authorised pre-release access
- Selectively quote favourable data
- Use other people's data without checking the data's reliability first

### Application

The Code applies to everyone in your organisation that works with statistics. Your Head of Profession is the main source of professional advice on implementing the Code. Further guidance is available through the interactive Code: <https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/code-of-practice/>.

Trustworthiness, Quality and Value can support public confidence in other analytical outputs your Department publishes. The interactive Code also includes a draft guide to voluntary applying the Code, which provides a flexible way to implement it in an organisation.

The Office for Statistics Regulation assesses compliance with the *Code of Practice for Statistics*. To understand the tools we use to do this, please refer to [Code of Practice for Statistics: Our regulatory approach](#).