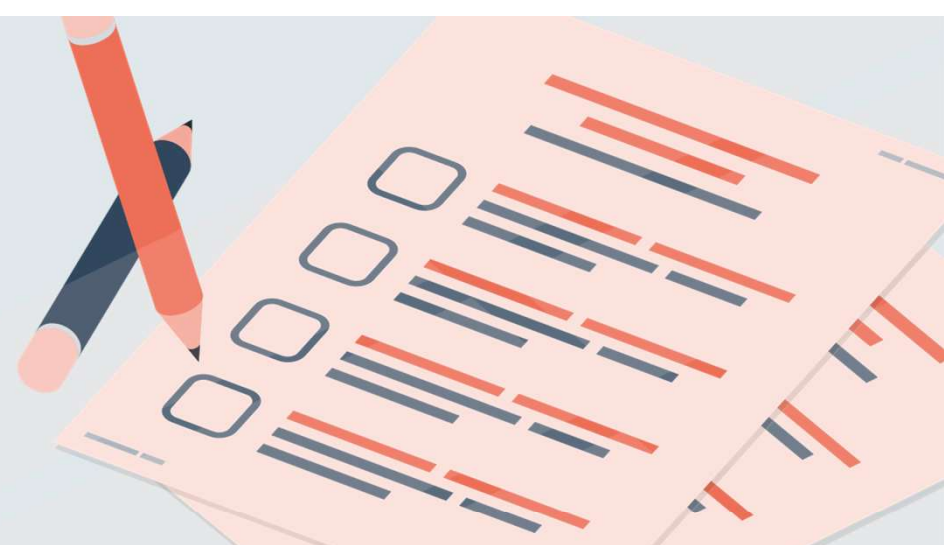


Applying for linked data in VIC

While each application for linked data is unique, we have summarised the process into a few key steps to assist Researchers.



1

Plan your study

Review datasets, dataflow, and assessment and approval process on the Centre for Victorian Data Linkage (CVDL) website. Discuss your project with CVDL before applying.



2

Complete your application forms

Review the forms you need to complete and contact the CVDL to discuss any additional documentation requirements.



3

Complete technical feasibility review

Submit your application form to the CVDL for an initial review to determine technical feasibility. Once deemed feasible, complete CVDL's technical specification spreadsheet.



4

Submit to the Ethics Committee

Follow the process for either National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) or non-NMA applications to obtain ethics approval. Once approved, send a copy of the approval letter in addition to all documents listed on the approval letter to the CVDL.



5

Data Custodian approval

The CVDL Client Services team will seek approval for datasets held by the Victorian Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing; your team will need to arrange approvals for all other data collections.



6

Privacy Impact Assessment

Internal research teams will complete a Threshold Privacy Assessment and, if required, a full Privacy Impact Assessment; for external projects, the CVDL will undertake the assessments in collaboration with the researcher.



7

Deed of Acknowledgement and Confidentiality

All external research teams accessing the linked data will complete the Department of Health's Deed of Acknowledgement and Confidentiality.



8

Data access

Once all approvals have been obtained, the linked data will be accessible to you through the CVDLs 'Victorian data Access Linkage Trust' (VALT). Some exemptions to this process may apply.