

## **Access to confidential data for scientific purposes**

### **What is confidential data for scientific purposes**

Confidential data for scientific purposes are anonymized data but which can theoretically allow indirect identification of the statistical units (surveyed units)

### **Who can have access**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) grants, to research entities and individual researchers conducting statistical analyses for scientific purposes, access to confidential data for scientific purposes. The access is granted in accordance to Article 8(5) of the Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, the Commission Regulation 831/2002 as regards the access to confidential data for scientific purposes, as amended by the Commission Regulation 1104/2006, as well as the best practices in the European Statistical System that are followed by Eurostat and the National Statistical Institutes of other Member States. ELSTAT grants access to such data only under strictly controlled conditions that are described below, in accordance with Article 8(6) of the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS).

### **How to submit an access request**

The research entity or the individual researcher, hereinafter called “the researcher”, must make an official access request to the Statistical Data Dissemination Section of the Statistical Information and Publications Division of ELSTAT through the portal of ELSTAT, [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr), at the following link:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistical-data-request>

The access request should contain the ID data of the researcher (official name/ full name and address, telephone, fax, e-mail) and of the persons authorized by the researcher to have access to the confidential data. The access request must be accompanied by a detailed research proposal, in conformity with current scientific standards, indicating in sufficient detail: **a)** the legitimate purpose of the research, **b)** the entity which is to conduct the research or which has submitted the access request, **c)** the title/position of the researcher (in case of an individual researcher), **d)** the specific persons who will have access to the data, **e)** the way and means to be used for acquiring access to the data, **f)** the intended results of the research which can be published (released) and **g)** the necessary time for the conduct of the research.

### **Granting access to the data**

The access request of the researcher is submitted to the President of ELSTAT, on the recommendation of the Division of ELSTAT producing the relevant data. The President may ask the Statistical Confidentiality Committee of ELSTAT to convene, in order for it to consider the access request and make a recommendation to the President on the possibility of satisfying or not the researcher’s request. In case the Committee makes a favorable recommendation and if the satisfaction of the access request requires special data processing involving the employment of ELSTAT staff for a specific time period, the Statistical Information and Publications Division of ELSTAT, in cooperation with the other Divisions involved in the aforementioned data processing, proceeds to the estimation of the cost incurred for the processing of data by the staff.

Taking into consideration the aforementioned recommendations, the President of ELSTAT decides on the approval or rejection of the researcher's request.

The decision of the President is notified to the researcher by the Statistical Data Dissemination Section. If the President approves the provision of data to the researcher, the researcher, after having been informed by the above Section on the potential cost incurred, must sign a contract (in two copies) with ELSTAT in accordance with condition (c) above, in order to be provided with the data.

A template of the contract, as well as templates of the authorization and the Statistical Confidentiality Declaration –which are completed in the case where individual researchers who are employed by the researcher or by the legal representative of the researcher are to have access to the data– is available on the web site of ELSTAT, at the following link:

[http://www.statistics.gr/en/microdata\\_contract](http://www.statistics.gr/en/microdata_contract)

[http://www.statistics.gr/en/microdata\\_auth](http://www.statistics.gr/en/microdata_auth)

[http://www.statistics.gr/en/microdata\\_confidentiality](http://www.statistics.gr/en/microdata_confidentiality)

and it can also be delivered in paper format by the Statistical Information and Publications Division of ELSTAT.

The researcher, after having completed and signed the two copies of the contract delivers them, together with the authorizations and the Confidentiality Declarations signed by the authorized persons by the researcher who will have access to the data, to the Statistical Data Dissemination Section. After the signing of the two copies of the contract by the President of ELSTAT, one of the copies is posted to the researcher by the above Section which also transmits the data to the researcher, as soon as the relevant files are prepared by the Division of ELSTAT which is competent for the production of the data. In case there is a cost incurred for the production of the data, these are transmitted after the payment of the relevant fee by the researcher.