

Code of Practice for Statistics

Introduction for Analysts Outside Government

Purpose of the Code of Practice:

- Sets standards for producing and using statistics to serve the public good.
- Applicable to all public bodies and users of statistics, not just official producers.

Why The Code Matters for Non-Government Analysts:

- Helps build stakeholder trust in your work.
- Provides a framework for ethical and professional practice.
- Supports transparency, accountability, and impact in public communication.

Trustworthiness, Quality and Value (TQV):

- **Trustworthiness:** Confidence in integrity and professionalism; free from political influence.
- **Quality:** Use of suitable data and sound methods; continuous improvement.
- **Value:** Relevance, accessibility, and usefulness for decision-making.

Code Principles for All Analysts:

These 10 principles help operationalise TQV and are applicable across sectors:

Trustworthiness	Quality	Value
1. Show integrity	5. Prioritise quality	8. Be relevant
2. Lead responsibly	6. Be rigorous	9. Be clear
3. Be transparent	7. Be open about quality	10. Be accessible
4. Manage data responsibly		

The **Standards for Official Statistics** show how to put the principles into practice.

Standards for Public Use of Statistics, Data and Wider Analysis:

These standards apply to any public communication of data or analysis:

- **Equality of Access** – Publish data when referenced publicly.
- **Supporting Understanding** – Avoid misleading use; provide context and cite sources.
- **Decision Making and Leadership** – Seek expert advice and support analytical independence.

Join the TQV Voluntary Application Scheme:

This scheme is open to organisations outside government (e.g. charities, academia, private sector). It encourages commitment to TQV and public accountability. Sign up and be listed in the **Register of TQV Voluntary Application** maintained by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR).

