

Code of Practice for Statistics

Introduction for Analysts Inside Government

Purpose of the Code

To ensure official statistics serve the public good by being trustworthy, of high quality, and delivering value to users.

Why The Code Matters

Embedding TQV protects against misinformation, supports democratic debate, and builds public confidence in statistics

Code Principles: TQV Framework

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		

Standards for Official Statistics

Each principle is supported by specific standards and practices:

Trustworthiness

- **Integrity:** Be impartial, professional, and challenge misuse.
- **Responsible Leadership:** Make independent decisions under authority of Chief Statistician/Head of Profession for Statistics.
- **Transparency:** Pre-announce releases, publish at standard times, explain revisions.
- **Data Management:** Handle data ethically, securely, and in line with legal obligations

Quality

- **Prioritise Quality:** Promote continuous improvement and learning.
- **Rigour:** Use suitable data and robust methods; assure quality throughout.
- **Openness:** Communicate strengths, limitations, and uncertainty clearly.

Value

- **Relevance:** Engage users, respond to feedback, align with societal needs.
- **Clarity:** Present statistics in understandable formats with appropriate context.
- **Accessibility:** Ensure equal access, meet accessibility standards, support reuse.

