

Trustworthiness, Quality and Value

TQV Voluntary Application Scheme

Applying TQV - Trustworthiness, Quality, and Value

Trustworthiness, Quality, and Value (TQV) are core principles of the Code of Practice for Statistics, designed to ensure public confidence in data, statistics, and analysis across various organisations, including government, charities, academia, and commercial entities.

The Code of Practice is maintained by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) and which oversees a voluntary application scheme encouraging organisations to apply TQV.

Commitment to TQV

Organisations applying TQV demonstrate integrity, professionalism, and impartiality in their data handling and analysis, fostering public confidence and supporting evidence-based decision-making.

This commitment is encouraged through transparency and accountability, including publishing statements explaining adherence to TQV principles.

Benefits of applying TQV

Organisations can benchmark their processes against recognised standards, enhance their reputation, and improve practices by integrating TQV principles into their work, regardless of sector.

Working in line with TQV

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness involves demonstrating integrity, responsible leadership, transparency, and responsible data management to ensure outputs are free from bias or undue influence. Organisations can show trustworthiness through their governance and oversight approach.

Quality

Quality requires using appropriate data and methods, prioritising continuous improvement, rigorously applying professional standards, and clearly communicating data quality, uncertainty, and limitations to users.

Value

Value means producing statistics that meet societal needs by being relevant, clear, and accessible, supporting informed decision-making and public understanding. Organisations demonstrate value by explaining the purpose and insights of their outputs.



Trustworthiness, Quality and Value

TQV Voluntary Application Scheme

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).

Building public confidence

TQV principles form the foundation of the Code of Practice, ensuring data and statistics are trustworthy, of appropriate quality, and valuable to users. These principles are relevant broadly beyond official statistics to all data producers.

Process for commitment

Organisations should understand TQV principles, assess current practices, think critically about trustworthiness, quality, and value, be transparent about their methods, and optionally publish a TQV statement to join OSR's TQV Voluntary Application Scheme.

Getting started

New members are encouraged to build understanding of TQV, engage with OSR and stakeholders, review and improve practices, formulate and publish a TQV statement, and maintain ongoing reflection and development through OSR's resources and community support.



Ongoing application

Applying TQV is a continuous process involving senior leadership support, action planning, embedding principles organisation-wide, sharing best practices, and participating in a community of practice supported by OSR. Annual reviews encourage continued adherence and improvement.

