

Geoscience Australia National Spectral Database Terms of Service

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Terms of Service (“Terms”)

Please read these Terms carefully before accessing the National Spectral Database. These Terms cover access to the National Spectral Database (“the Service”, “NSD”) operated by Geoscience Australia (“GA”).

Your access to and use of the Service is conditional upon your acceptance of and compliance with these Terms. These Terms apply to all visitors, users and others who access the Service.

By accessing or using the Service you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you disagree with any part of the Terms, you may not access the Service.

Access to and use of the GA National Spectral Database is subject to the following Terms:

- The user (you) will not disclose account information, including user name and password or server credentials to any other party.
- You will not alter your application-set password. If you lose access to your account, please contact the NSD manager.
- Software is to be used fairly without putting excess strain on services provided, such as spamming server requests or logging in multiple times with the same account. If errors or issues are encountered please advise the database manager or appropriate GA authority.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you adhere to the National Spectral Database metadata standard. Data must be correctly formatted and meet the minimum metadata requirements before it can be included into the National Spectral Database. Please advise GA database manager of intent to upload data.
- New account holders may only view and download existing data. If you would like to upload data or edit metadata of an existing campaign, please contact the GA database manager. For read/write access, you are required to meet the NSD Metadata Standard and operate according to the NSD General Guide.
- Geoscience Australia does not hold any responsibility for the quality of data imported by 3rd parties or hosted by the Service that were not imported by GA. GA allows data to be uploaded such that it meets minimum metadata standards, but cannot guarantee data was collected in a proper manner or by any particular sampling protocol. For use of data from campaigns uploaded by bodies other than Geoscience Australia, please contact the campaign owner for information on data quality such as sampling design and field methods before downloading and or utilising data in any way.

Termination

We may terminate or suspend access to our Service immediately, without prior notice or liability, for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation if you breach the Terms.

Data Ownership

Data are hosted on behalf of original data providers. GA does not own original data provided by external parties, only data provided under the banner of GA such as ARD field validation data. For information on datasets provided by external parties please contact the data owner using the contact email address provided as metadata.

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GA contact details

For read/write access including uploading data and metadata, or for any other queries, please contact the database manager:

NSDB_manager@ga.gov.au

Changes may be made at any time, without prior notice, to these Terms. Should new Terms come into place they will be made available at all user landing pages including the National Spectral Database website and the Service client application, and users will be notified of any updates.
