



The [Data Seal of Approval](#) ensures that in the future, research data can still be processed in a high-quality and reliable manner, without this entailing new thresholds, regulations or high costs. The Data Seal of Approval and its quality guidelines may be of interest to research institutions, organisations that archive data and to users of that data. It can be granted to any repository that applies for it via the [assessment procedure](#).

Anyone who archives his or her data would like to be able to find, recognise and use it in the future. With electronic data this cannot be taken for granted, after all hardware and software are changing all the time. Making data future-proof can be accomplished by ensuring that data sets and metadata meet certain requirements.

The Data Seal of Approval was established by a number of institutions committed to the long-term archiving of research data.

Since May 2009 the Data Seal of Approval was handed over to an international board consisting of members belonging to various international Data Archives. It is responsible for an on-going independent review process of DSA Assessments and for the further development of the DSA.

Further information and the quality guidelines are provided in the [information booklet](#) or on the website:

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