

Skills Assessment Pilot Survey Data Linkage Frequently Asked Questions

What will be linked?

If you provide consent, your survey response will be linked to information the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (the Department) already has about your skills assessment outcome. Other information the Department already holds about you may include your:

- name
- email address
- phone number
- gender
- nationality

While Wallis will not be providing the Department with any information other than your survey response, it will be possible for the Department to link the responses back to other information it has about you. This means the information you provide will no longer be considered anonymous.

Why do we need to link the information?

The Department would like to link your survey response to information it has about your skills assessment outcome to help support migrants like you to stay and find work in Australia more easily. In instances you voluntarily paid additional fees to your assessing authority for **priority processing** (i.e., a fast-tracked assessment), linking your information will also allow the Department to investigate if you are eligible for a refund of these fees.

Linking your survey answers with information about your skills assessment makes your survey answers more useful for the Department by providing greater context.

The information will not be used for any purpose other than research and future service improvement. All data will be stored in secure servers and will not be publicly accessible.

Your survey response will not affect the services and assistance you receive from any Government agency and will not affect your skills assessment outcome or visa application. Your survey response will not be shared with the Department of Home Affairs or any other Government agency.

What if I don't want this information linked?

If you do not want your survey response linked, you can still participate in this survey. The Department will only receive your anonymous survey response.

General privacy information

All research is conducted in accordance with the Australian Data and Insights Association (ADIA) Code of Professional Behaviour, and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) which sets out rules about the way in which personal information of individuals can be collected, stored, disclosed and used.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the refunding of **priority processing fees**, please contact the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations at AAQA@dese.gov.au.

If you have any further questions about this survey, please contact Wallis' privacy officer via email privacy@wallisgroup.com.au. For further information on how Wallis handles personal information, please visit www.wallis.social/privacy. For further information on how the Department manages personal information, please visit <https://www.dewr.gov.au/privacy>.