

# Research Vocabularies Australia Service Schedule

## 1 Background

Research Vocabularies Australia (RVA) is a vocabulary service operated by the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC). RVA is an easily accessible service for creating, managing, finding and accessing controlled vocabularies, which make the meaning of research data clear and explicit. Some vocabularies are hosted by the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) and can be accessed directly through Research Vocabularies Australia. Otherwise Research Vocabularies Australia provides a link to the vocabulary owner's web page. Research Vocabularies Australia also allows you to create and/or publish a vocabulary as well as integrate an existing vocabulary into your own system. Research Vocabularies Australia caters for researchers and those who support, describe and discover research, including vocabulary managers, ontologists, data managers and librarians.

Organisations wishing to contribute to the RVA service are required to sign the Service Schedule Agreement below in order to access the service.

## 2 User

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACN/ABN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Service

RVA portal - for vocabulary publishing.

RVA editor - for vocabulary creation and editing.

## 4 Term

This agreement will commence on the date of last signature or when the User first accesses the Service, whichever is earlier, and will continue until 30 June 2028 (**Initial Term**). After 30 June 2028, this agreement will be automatically extended for successive 12 month periods (**Extended Term**).

The User may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with at least 3 months' notice in writing effective at the end of the Initial Term or effective at the end of any Extended Term.

ARDC may terminate this agreement at any time by providing the User with 1 month's notice in writing effective at the end of the notice period.

Without limiting ARDC's other rights, ARDC may terminate this agreement immediately on notice to the User if the User breaches any term of the agreement.

## 5 Additional terms

### 5.1 ARDC responsibilities

ARDC will operate the Portal and Editor and:

- (a) provide the User with access to the Portal and Editor
- (b) publish vocabularies and metadata submitted to the RVA service
- (c) provide a means for the User to apply a license to their vocabularies
- (d) allow third parties to download, integrate, re-use and re-publish the vocabulary and its metadata
- (e) provide Service and User documentation via <https://documentation.ardc.edu.au>
- (f) provide User support.

## 5.2 User responsibilities

The User acknowledges and agrees that in providing ARDC with vocabularies and metadata, the User will:

- (a) read and comply with the RVA Service documentation;
- (b) take reasonable steps to ensure the quality, accuracy and currency of the vocabulary and its metadata;
- (c) ensure and warrant that they are authorised to provide ARDC with the vocabulary and its metadata and that it does not infringe the intellectual property or privacy of anyone else;
- (d) only provide vocabularies and metadata that are appropriate for public distribution;
- (e) inform ARDC of changes to publishing practice in cases where:
  - (i) the User plans to stop updating a vocabulary that they have published with ARDC and which continues to be updated at another registry;
  - (ii) the User plans to remove from access a vocabulary published with ARDC; and
  - (iii) the User plans to cease responsibility for any further maintenance of a vocabulary that they have published with ARDC
- (f) provide at least one organisational point-of contact to ARDC and notify ARDC of changes to organisational point-of contact;
- (g) acknowledge and agree that:
  - (i) ARDC will use and publish the vocabulary and its metadata;
  - (ii) ARDC will allow third parties to download, integrate, re-use and re-publish the vocabulary and its metadata.

## Execution

Signed by an authorised representative on behalf of the organisation as an agreement on the terms of this Service Schedule and ARDC's Standard Terms of Service, available at [https://ardc.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ardc\\_service\\_agreement\\_2024.pdf](https://ardc.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ardc_service_agreement_2024.pdf).

Signed by **Australian Research Data Commons Limited:**

Signed by **User (Organisation)**

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Signature of authorised person

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