

RAiD Service Schedule

1 Background

RAiD is a persistent identifier for projects provided by the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC). A research project is an activity. It takes place over a limited (if potentially long) period of time, has a set scope, is resourced by researchers and research support staff, and uses and produces research data. A RAiD has two parts: The RAiD name and the RAiD metadata record.

RAiD is built on the DOI system, a non-commercial, decentralised identifier resolution system, established in 2000. Operated by the DOI Foundation, the DOI system is used by many organisations such as Crossref and DataCite, and by many existing content management systems such as institutional repositories. A RAiD name is minted via the RAiD API or web application using DataCite's DOI service. It is persistent and globally unique.

The RAiD metadata record captures components such as organisations, people, inputs and outputs associated with the project to which the RAiD name has been assigned. It does so by recording identifiers representing these project components, plus key project information like a title and start date, in the metadata record. For example, RAiD records the ORCIDs for researchers associated with the project, the DOIs for publications, the RORs for the research institutions. Software, datasets, infrastructure, services, and other types of inputs or outputs can be captured similarly.

RAiD is one of a suite of [Identifier Services](#) offered by ARDC. The RAiD service is international and domain-general in scope and application.

Organisations wishing to use the RAiD service are required to sign the Service Schedule Agreement in order to access this service.

2 User

Contact Name: _____

Organisation Name: _____ ACN/ABN: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

3 Service

The RAiD Service consists of two components:

The RAiD registration service - a software application offered by the ARDC as a RAiD Registration Agency for the creation and management of RAiDs (API and web application).

The RAiD portal - a software application offered by the ARDC as the RAiD Registration Authority for the discovery and resolution of RAiDs (API and web application).

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 ARDC with 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 RAiD Service and Portal and:

- (a) provide the User with access to the Service;
- (b) publish the metadata record provided to the Service;
- (c) allow third parties to download, harvest, integrate, re-use, and re-publish this metadata after any embargo period established by the User in accordance with RAiD policy;
- (d) provide service documentation via <https://documentation.ardc.edu.au>;
- (e) provide User support.

5.2 **User responsibilities**

The User acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) ARDC's RAiD Service is underpinned and reliant on the DOI System¹ provided by DOI Foundation²; and that RAiD acquires DOIs via DataCite, a DOI Foundation Registration Agency³;
- (a) ARDC cannot warrant the longevity or reliability of the DOI System and ARDC will not have any liability to the User in respect of any failure or withdrawal of the above.

In providing ARDC with project metadata, the User will:

- (a) read and comply with the RAiD Service Policy: <https://documentation.ardc.edu.au/raid/raid-service-policy>
- (b) take reasonable steps to ensure the quality, accuracy, and currency of the metadata;
- (c) ensure and warrant that they are authorised to provide ARDC with the metadata and infringe the intellectual property of anyone else;

¹ More information on the DOI System is available from <https://www.doi.org/the-identifier/what-is-a-doi/>

² More information on the DOI Foundation is available from <https://www.doi.org/the-foundation/about-us/>

³ More information on DataCite is available from <https://datacite.org/>

- (d) only provide metadata that are appropriate for public distribution after expiry of any embargo period established by the User in accordance with RAiD policy;
- (e) provide at least one organisational point-of-contact to ARDC and notify ARDC of changes to organisational point-of-contact
- (f) acknowledge and agree that:
 - (i) ARDC will use and publish the metadata after the expiry of any embargo period established by the User in accordance with RAiD policy; and
 - (ii) ARDC will allow third parties to download, harvest, integrate, re-use and republish the metadata after the expiry of any embargo period established by the User in accordance with RAiD policy.

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.

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

Signed by **User**

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Signature of authorised person

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