



Official Statistics System

Standards, Solutions and Capability business unit



Focus of the unit

- Standards
 - Frameworks and governance
 - Collections
 - Classifications
 - Processes
 - Capability
- Solutions
- Capability.



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Collection Methods

Offers expertise to the Official Statistics System Survey Developer Network

- Forum for those in the state sector interested in survey design and survey methodology
- Coordinated by Statistics New Zealand
- Contact: Daniel Jephson at (04) 931 4600



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Classifications and Standards

- Develops, maintains and promotes the use of standards and standard classifications across the OSS
- Achieves integration across surveys so that each area in Statistics New Zealand uses the standards and classifications that best fit their survey needs
- Researches international concepts and standards
- Liaises with external agencies such as the state sector
- Contact: classifications@stats.govt.nz



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Statistical Education and Research

- Aims to enhance capability for Statistics New Zealand, state sector agencies, researchers and the wider community.
- Coordinates programmes for the state sector:
 - National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Official Statistics)
 - Official Statistics Research
 - OSS Seminar Series
 - OSS Training Series.



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National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Official Statistics)

- Also called the **Certificate of Official Statistics**
- NZQA recognised, and level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework
- Aims to enhance the statistical skills of the state sector
- Targets those who require basic statistical knowledge, in order to be confident about:
 - assessing statistical information
 - the ethical and legal constraints on statistics
 - using statistics to inform policy decisions.

Contact: CertificateOS@stats.govt.nz

See also: www.statisphere.govt.nz



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Official Statistics Research

- OS Research commissions and funds statistical and methodological research on the usefulness, reliability, coverage, and availability of statistics produced within the OSS
- Funded annually for the state sector and academics.

Contact: osresearch@stats.govt.nz

See also: www.statisphere.govt.nz



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OSS Seminar Series

- Offers a range of topics and levels
- Holds at least 10 a year – roughly one a month
- Covers a wide range of information about the OSS and includes research results, discussion of ideas, interactive workshops, and opinions from international experts
- Allows statistical analysts and other professionals from governmental and non-governmental organisations to come together to exchange ideas and opinions.

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OSS Training Series

- Currently being developed
- Involves short workshop courses developed in response to specific needs
- Aims to fill a gap between the certificate course, the OSS Seminars, and tertiary education courses
- Questionnaire sent to assess the statistical training needs of state sector agencies in July 2008. If you would like to fill one out, please contact the address below.

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Summary about Standards, Solutions and Capability unit

- Produces a range of standards, runs forums and provides resources to support the OSS
- Focuses internally to test concepts and implement improvements
- Has a significant external focus to improve knowledge, quality and capability across the OSS.