

# Newsletter Remote Access Innovations

After a successful pilot “Remote Access Innovations”, the CBS will start the implementation of the newly improved services at all RA institutions this April. This newsletter will illustrate the changes that will take place and the steps that will be taken to implement these.

## Which innovations?

What these entail:

### 1. Lockable room

The computer no longer has to be placed in a lockable room. We do ask the researcher to ensure that unauthorized researchers will not be able to look at the computer screen.

### 2. New Access Procedures

The fingerprint verification, meaning the typical RA computer, will disappear. Instead, we use a personal token and SMS code to verify the researcher’s identity. With these developments, researchers can now work from home. It is not allowed to connect to an unsecured Wi-Fi network, such as those provided in trains, cafés and beach clubs.

If you will be working with these new procedures, you will no longer need the RA computer. However, you can still use it for a few more months. Please keep your fingerprint verification for this reason.

### 3. Output Checking

For researchers who have applied the output guidelines correctly it will be possible to receive the next outputs under embargo, before the output is checked, meaning a check afterwards. This does not apply to projects that use information from the cause of death registry or projects of institutions outside of the EU.

For smaller outputs, an output light will be developed. The pilot with the new output procedure has not yet yielded enough results to evaluate whether or not this is a good innovation. This pilot will therefore be expanded to all active projects. More information about the pilot with innovations in

the output control will be sent in a more elaborate email.

### 4. Privacy Awareness Test

Ignorance and naivety prove to be the weakest link in the security. Researchers will have to take a digital test to see if they are aware of the privacy policies. Each researcher has to pass this test to be granted access to the RA working environment. To ensure that researchers will comply with these rules, a privacy awareness question will be asked before logging into the system.

### 5. Policy and Measures

The researcher will bear more responsibility. If it turns out that the researcher cannot bear these, thus violating the rules and regulations, the researcher will be deprived of privileges such as output checking afterwards or measures will be imposed.

### 6. New Fees

With the implementation of tokens and the disappearance of the RA computers, we will charge the use of the RA facility differently. Instead of charging these outside the project costs, these will now be charged with the project costs. The price of €165 per computer per month will become €20 per researcher per project per month. This €20 is an addition to the current monthly support costs. This totals to €100 per researcher (in addition to the €16 per dataset subject).

The new fees will apply starting July 2017 for researchers who now use the RA computers. Researchers who are currently using the OS room will be charged with the new fees when at least one researcher uses a token.

## Which steps?

### Step 1: Apply for a meeting

In order to start working with the token, you will need to apply for a meeting at the CBS. The first dates for which you can apply are:

- April 4 9.30 a.m. -10.30 a.m. CBS The Hague
- April 20 15.00 p.m. - 16.00 p.m. CBS The Hague
- May 9 9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m. CBS The Hague
- May 23 9.30 a.m. -10.30 a.m. CBS The Hague

There will only be a limited amount of seats available for these meetings, so apply soon.

After all these dates are filled, more meetings will follow.

It is only possible to apply for a meeting provided you are a researcher, on an active project lasting at least 3 more months. If you have a project that is temporarily frozen, you can only apply provided that the project will again be active within 3 months.

If you want to apply, you can send an email to [Microdata@CBS.nl](mailto:Microdata@CBS.nl) with your available days and your preferred day. Please mention all project numbers of all your active projects and also your mobile phone number.

We will administer this phone number in order to send you the SMS code to gain access to the RA working environment. You will receive an email within a couple of working days with our reply to you application.

Some days before the meeting we will send you the agenda and documentation. During the meeting, you will receive information and a demonstration about the new procedures. Furthermore, we will provide you with the token you will need to log into the system. Please bring a valid identification with you.

### Step 2: Awareness Test

After receiving the token, you will also receive a digital awareness test from us. If you pass this test with less than 6 mistakes, your token will be activated and you will be able to work in the RA environment. As a user of our RA environment, you now have the possibility of working with the CBS files from anywhere, even your own home. Provided, of course, that you use a secure Wi-Fi connection. Good Luck!

## More information?

Send an email to [Microdata@CBS.nl](mailto:Microdata@CBS.nl) and we will contact you.

Website “Customised services & microdata”:  
<https://www.cbs.nl/en-gb/our-services/customised-services-microdata>

YouTube “Werken met CBS-microdata?”- English subtitles:  
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