

ShareGeo Licence and Use FAQ

1. Who is responsible for the data?

A. It is the responsibility of the depositor to ensure that the dataset is described accurately and that the necessary copyright and other clearances that may be required have been obtained. EDINA and the University of Edinburgh exclude all liability and responsibility for any amount or kind of loss or damage that may result to you or a third party from using ShareGeo.

2. Will ShareGeo preserve my data?

A. No. ShareGeo does not guarantee to preserve the data for the long term. It is your responsibility to take the necessary actions to ensure you have continued access to your data. Any work required for long term preservation of your data is also your responsibility.

3. What do I do if I see data that shouldn't be on ShareGeo?

A. We have developed a formal process for removing material that should not be in ShareGeo. Please see the [Notice and Take Down policy](#).

4. What do I do if I want to edit or remove data that I have contributed to ShareGeo?

A. Please contact ShareGeo by email (edina@ed.ac.uk) providing all the necessary details. E.g. the name of the dataset, its URI, the action requested and reason.

5. What can I do with the data?

A. Read the licence specified in the datasets full metadata carefully (found by looking at the “dc.rights(.uri)” fields in the datasets full item record. This will specify what licence (if any) the data is covered by and specify what you can do with the data. Data downloaded from ShareGeo that is derived from, or contains data from one of the Digimap Collections (Ordnance Survey, Historic, Marine, Geology or any other Collection that may be added in the future) is covered by the same Terms of Use as those Collections. Generally this means that the data can be used for academic research or teaching but cannot be used for any commercial activity and it cannot be passed to anyone who is not an Authorised Digimap User.

6. Who can access ShareGeo?

A. Only Authorised Digimap Users can access ShareGeo. Additionally, the Collections within the Digimap Service to which you have access are used to control access to individual datasets in ShareGeo.

7. I am a Historic Digimap user only. Why can I not access ShareGeo?

A. Because EDINA do not store any personal information about Historic Digimap users (i.e. you are not required to register as an individual user for Historic Digimap), it is not possible to log you in to ShareGeo at this time. It is hoped that at some time in the future you will be able to access ShareGeo.

8. I have access to ShareGeo but I cannot access a specific dataset, why?

A. See the answer to question 6. It means that the dataset you are trying to access is derived from or contains data from a Digimap Collection to which you do not have access. If you are a member of an institution which does subscribe to the Digimap Collection in question then you may need to register for that Collection in order to access the data derived from it in ShareGeo.

9. If I deposit data to ShareGeo will I always have access to it?

A. No. You will only have access to it for as long as you are a currently registered Digimap user and the service is still running. Additionally we may need to remove access to datasets derived from a particular Digimap Collection if JISC cease to licence the data in that Collection.

10. Are all datasets covered by a Digimap Collection licence?

A. No. Only datasets derived from, or containing data from a Digimap Collection, are covered by the Terms of Use for that Digimap Collection. A Depositor will specify whether or not this is the case. If a dataset is not derived from or does not contain data from a Digimap Collection, the Depositor is required to specify what licence the dataset is covered by.

11. Can anybody view the metadata?

A. Initially only other ShareGeo users can view a datasets metadata in ShareGeo. However, if you would like to make your metadata publicly available immediately, please use [Go-Geo!](#) to create a metadata record and make sure to include a link from the metadata in Go-Geo to the dataset in ShareGeo. We may make metadata about individual datasets in ShareGeo publicly available in the future.

12. Do I need to do anything if I cease to be a registered Digimap user?

A. No, as the data will only be accessible by other Authorised Digimap Users you do not need to do anything. Your data will remain available to other Authorized Digimap Users as long as the service continues to operate.

13. What are the plans for the future?

A. There are no firm plans for the future of ShareGeo, but EDINA is committed to keeping the Beta service running for at least a year and hopefully for longer. In the future we may create an additional Community in ShareGeo that is open to non-Digimap users and where only data NOT derived from the Collections in Digimap may be submitted. These users will not have access to data in the ShareGeo 'Digimap Users' community.

Definitions and terms

See the separate document titled "[Terms and Definitions used in ShareGeo](#)"