

Map and Data Licence Management Tool

The Expired Data Licence Management Tool helps organisations demonstrate transparent licensing during audits for hundreds of datasets they may hold. It allows companies to centrally manage and track data licenses, as well as be informed of when they are due to expire, and quickly renew licenses as necessary.

FIND's cost effective Data licence management tool is completely free to use; simply log in to view expired data licenses. The tool tracks over 100 different datasets available through FIND that need licences. It displays an entire data export history on one page, this can be filtered to show individual users or results for a whole company.

Maintaining an up-to-date licence is a legal requirement for use of data from Ordnance Survey, Environment Agency and many other providers. Not having the correct licence could invalidate indemnity insurance and result in costly legal fees. Using FIND's Expired Data Licence Management Tool means all data purchased is logged and monthly email reminders are sent whenever a data licence has expired. Licences for data can then be re-purchased and re-download, or just declared that they have been deleted or archived.

Dan Hughes, Ordnance Survey Land & Property sector manager, said: "The benefits of ensuring data is appropriately licensed are numerous; for example reducing the risk of decisions based on out of date data or maintaining professional reputations. A system that can support the end user monitor their licences and their obligations helps them to reduce their overall risk."

Mariam Crichton, FIND Director, said: 'Data managers, particularly in the large environmental consultancies, have the responsibility to ensure their organisations use data legitimately and are aware of the severe consequences of failing to do so. While there is currently a lot of financial pressure to cut corners, licensing is something you cannot be afford to be without.'

Also included in FIND's August 2010 release are new 3D building models for Architects, and a professional commercial flood risk assessment report.