

National Meteorological Library & Archive (NMLA)

Historical Met Office Observation Data Policy

Introduction

The National Meteorological Library and Archive (NMLA) will facilitate public access to historical Met Office observation data in both paper and digital format direct from the Met Office, free at the point of use.

This provision enables the Met Office to fulfil both its public task as required by the Public Weather Service Customer Group (PWSCG) and also its legal responsibilities under the Public Records Act 1958.

Enquiries

The NMLA will respond to requests from the public for access to Met Office data and related information within five working days. This service will be provided free at the point of use but subject to a time limitation of thirty minutes per enquiry to include all extraction, processing and delivery.

Data Provision

Data will be extracted and delivered to the public with the following limitations:

- Monthly Data – unrestricted subject to thirty minute rule
- Daily Data – unrestricted subject to thirty minute rule
- Hourly Data – restricted to six months for data falling into the current year plus previous calendar year; unrestricted for period before this subject to thirty minute rule and with a maximum of 10yrs data for 5 stations.

Licensing

All data is provided under the terms of the Open Government Licence:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/library-and-archive/library/ogl-acknowledgement>

Supporting Statements

- All data values are subject to Quality Control (QC) processes. This means that data may be subject to QC related changes for periods of up to twelve months from initial capture.
- Data provided by the NMLA has been subject to a level of processing and may therefore vary from raw Met Office data available via other sources.

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