

Who we are and what we do





Ordnance Survey is Great Britain's national mapping agency. It is our job to collect, maintain and distribute the most accurate and up-to-date geographic information of the whole country that government, business and individuals all rely upon.

We generate our revenue through licensing the intellectual property rights in our data under Crown copyright. We do this directly to customers and via more than 500 private sector partners, including value-added resellers, our specialist network of retailers called Ordnance Survey Mapping and Data Centres and a wide range of publishers. We invest heavily in attracting partners to deliver customer-led solutions to meet market demand.

We are a non-ministerial government department and an Executive Agency responsible to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (CLG).

We operate as a Trading Fund under the Government Trading Funds Act 1973 and The Ordnance Survey Trading Fund Order 1999.

Our vision is that Ordnance Survey and its partners will be the content providers of choice for location-based information in the new information economy.