



# Navigating Provincial, Territorial, and Pan-Canadian Requirements for Administrative Data Access in Canada: Insights from HDRN Canada Member Consultations

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## BACKGROUND

Health Data Research Network (HDRN) Canada is a pan-Canadian network that supports centralized multi-regional health data access and research through the Data Access Support Hub (DASH). Canada's federated health environment results in varying requirements, increasing administrative burden. This work reviewed requirements to identify opportunities for greater alignment and compatibility.

## METHODS

We conducted structured consultations with staff across HDRN Canada member organizations to better understand requirements across regions. This information was compared to identify areas of overlap, divergence, and opportunities for alignment.

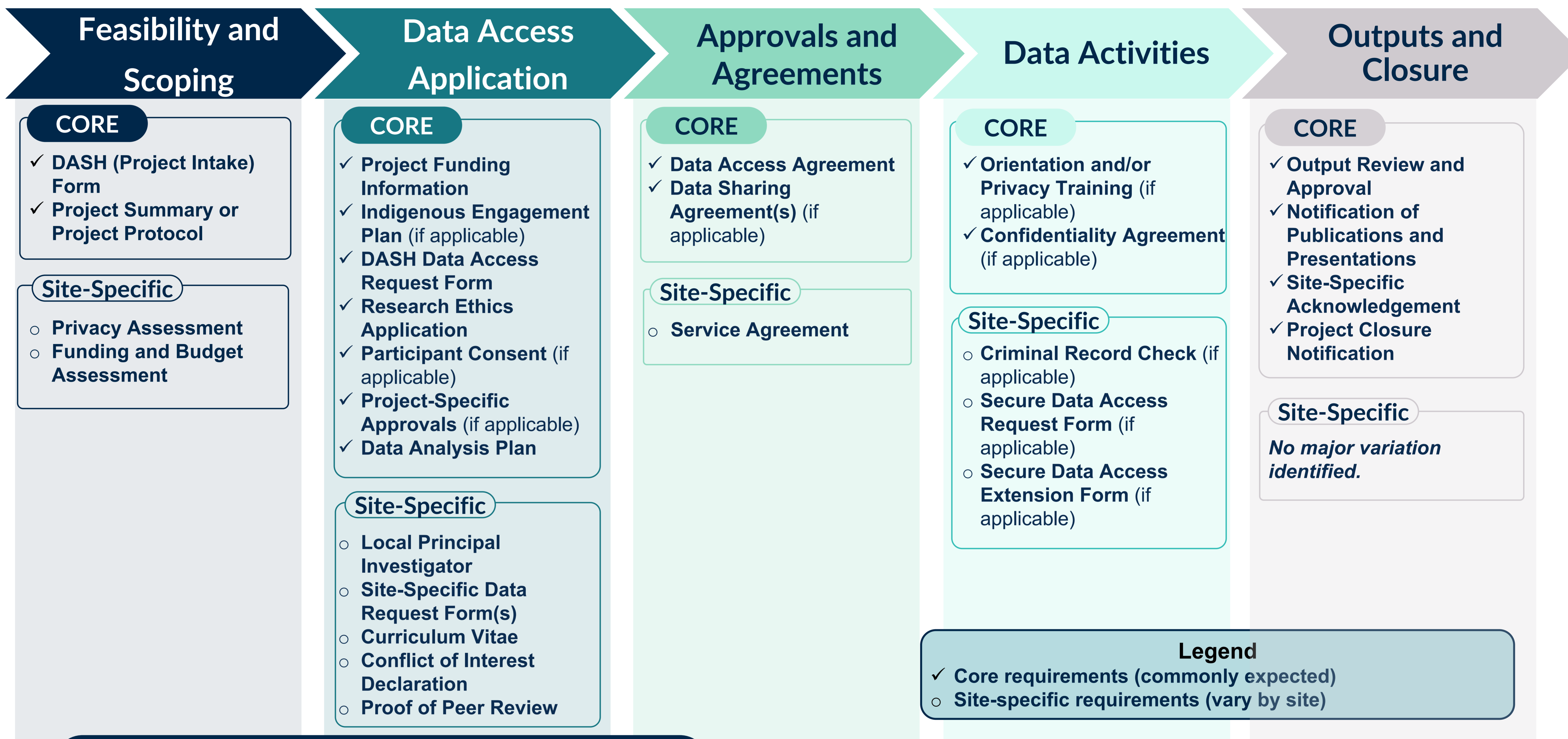
## CONCLUSIONS

This work highlights similarities and differences in requirements for multi-regional data access. By mapping requirements and developing shared resources and tools, HDRN Canada aims to reduce administrative burden and support more transparent, predictable, and compatible data access, strengthening use of rich Canadian health data.

## RESULTS



Core requirements are consistent across regions, with additional site-specific requirements and differences in how they are requested.



**Legend**

- ✓ Core requirements (commonly expected)
- Site-specific requirements (vary by site)

## WHERE REQUIREMENTS VARY ACROSS REGIONS



**TERMINOLOGY**  
Document names and terminology differ



**FORMAT & STRUCTURE**  
Document structures vary; some elements may be combined or separated across multiple forms



**LEVEL OF DETAIL REQUIRED**  
Some documents require more specific details



**TIMING OF SUBMISSION**  
Requirements requested at different stages

## HDRN CANADA OPPORTUNITES



**STANDARDIZATION**  
Shared templates and common structure for documents



**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
Improved systems and centralized support through DASH



**INNOVATION**  
New resources and AI-enabled pre-population tools

## IMPACT



**STREAMLINED SUBMISSIONS**  
Less duplication and rework



**TRANSPARENT & PREDICTABLE PROCESS**  
Clear expectations at every step



**FASTER ACCESS**  
More time for research, better health insights