



**EQ-5D**

# EQ-5D User License Policy

## Procedure and fee structure

*Version 25JUN2018*

The information in this document is subject to change without notice and shall not be deemed as a warranty by the EuroQol Research Foundation.

**EuroQol Research Foundation**  
Marten Meesweg 107  
3068 AV Rotterdam  
The Netherlands  
T: +31 (0) 884400190  
E: [userinformationservice@euroqol.org](mailto:userinformationservice@euroqol.org)

Copyright © 2018 EuroQol Research Foundation

[www.euroqol.org](http://www.euroqol.org)

## Table of Contents

1. Using EQ-5D .....	3
1.1. General .....	3
1.2. Requesting permission .....	3
1.3. Non-commercial use (research) .....	3
1.4. Non-commercial use (non-research) .....	3
1.4.1. Fee structure non-commercial use (non-research) .....	4
1.4.2. Fee structure ROM / Registry per category .....	5
1.5. Commercial use .....	5
1.5.1. Fee structure commercial use .....	6
1.5.2. Multiple modes of administration .....	6
1.5.3. Discounts for using several Modes of Administration (MOAs) .....	6
1.6. Third Party agreements .....	7
2. Translation process .....	7
2.1. EQ-5D translations .....	7
2.2. Managing the translation process.....	7
2.3. Requesting new language versions.....	7
2.4. Translation costs.....	8
3. Intellectual Property Rights .....	8
4. Contact information .....	9

## 1. Using EQ-5D

### 1.1. General

The EuroQol Research Foundation is the copyright holder of the EQ-5D. If you would like to use the EQ-5D, written permission from the EuroQol Research Foundation should be obtained.

The EQ-5D is available in a 3-level (3L) and 5-level (5L) version for adults and a 3-level version for the youth (Y). The EQ-5D is primarily designed for self-completion, on paper or as a digital version. Several other modes of administration are available as well, including telephone- or face-to-face interview versions and scripts for completion by observers (proxy versions).

The EuroQol Research Foundation serves a large client base consisting of non-commercial and commercial clients. The vast majority of requests to use the EQ-5D are fulfilled free of charge. In instances outlined below license fees are charged, that allow the EuroQol Research Foundation to fund activities in line with its Vision and Mission as described on its website. Main activities include, but are not limited to, funding research projects, organizing scientific meetings and providing support to EQ-5D users.

### 1.2. Requesting permission

A request to use the EQ-5D is initiated by filling out the registration form at the EuroQol website. Thereafter, the EuroQol Research Foundation's legal department will determine the applicable policy and will respond with more information on how the EQ-5D can be obtained. Consultancies / CROs are required to disclose the name of the sponsor during or after the registration in order to check available active license agreements.

### 1.3. Non-commercial use (research)

In case of a non-commercial request to use the EQ-5D for research purposes, permission to use the EQ-5D is usually provided free of charge. The rationale is that such use is in line with the EuroQol Research Foundation's Mission, as this use will result in new research publications on EQ-5D, which is of benefit to the EuroQol Group and its members, and to the scientific community as a whole.

For the use of digital versions a cost-recovery fee will be charged of € 600 to compensate for the resources needed to draft a license agreement and review the screen shots. For large studies (N > 5000), additional terms may apply. These terms could involve a statement that the licensee will kindly review future requests from individual EuroQol members for research collaboration and data sharing. Specifically, as the EQ-5D is provided free of charge for this substantial study, such a request for research collaboration or data sharing should not involve the EQ member being charged a fee for such a service.

### 1.4. Non-commercial use (non-research)

If non-commercial parties intend to use the EQ-5D for non-research purposes, such as clinical use, benchmarking, for reporting to authorities, in a registry of patients with the same illness or for Routine Outcome Measurement (ROM) a modest license fee will be charged. Depending on the request, a free-of-charge pilot may be offered. At the discretion of the EuroQol Research Foundation, for very substantial (province/country-

wide) use special arrangements may be put in place, where the fees may be paid under a collaborative agreement and used to fund a research program of mutual interest.

These non-research applications of the EQ-5D are in line with the Vision of the EuroQol Research Foundation, which is to improve decisions about health and health care throughout the world. The rationale for charging a modest license fee is that this use typically is on a larger scale and for a longer period of time. License fees are used to fund the research agenda and the other Aims of the EuroQol Research Foundation. Furthermore, this fee is compensation for the administrative resources needed to draft a license agreement and review screen shots, if applicable.

#### 1.4.1. Fee structure non-commercial use (non-research)

Please find the ROM/Registry user categories below:

<b>0. Non-commercial pilot</b>	
Individual specialists / therapists, use in Clinic/ Department of a hospital, Physiotherapy unit, Registry or Community measurement	Annual number of patients < 1,000 for a maximum of 3 years for non-digital versions (except REDCap) only.
<b>1. Small non-commercial ROM / Registry</b>	
Use in Clinic/ Department of a hospital, Physiotherapy unit, Registry or Community measurement	Annual number of patients $\leq$ 10,000.
<b>2. Medium non-commercial ROM / Registry</b>	
Use in Regional Medical Centres/Hospitals Clinic (consortia)/ Department of a hospital, Physiotherapy (consortia), Registries or Community measurement (consortia)	$10,000 \leq$ Annual number of patients $\leq$ 30,000
<b>3. Large non-commercial ROM / Registry</b>	
Use in Regional Medical Centres/Hospitals Clinic (consortia), Registries or Community measurement (consortia)	Annual number of patients $\geq$ 30,000.

### 1.4.2. Fee structure ROM / Registry per category

1. Small non-commercial ROM / Registry	
1 EQ-5D version, 1 Language, 1 mode of administration	€600.00 (per 3 years)
2 EQ-5D versions or Languages or modes of administration	€1,200.00 (per 3 years)
3 or more EQ-5D versions, Languages or modes of administration	*€1,800.00 (per 3 years)

\* This is a maximum amount to be paid in Euros

2. Medium non-commercial ROM / Registry	
1 EQ-5D version, 1 Language, 1 mode of administration	€2,500.00 (per 3 years)
2 EQ-5D versions or Languages or modes of administration	€5,000.00 (per 3 years)
3 or more EQ-5D versions, Languages or modes of administration	*€7,500.00 (per 3 years)

\* This is a maximum amount to be paid in Euros

3. Large non-commercial ROM / Registry	
Regardless of versions, Languages or modes of administration	€0.10 per respondent per annum calculated at the start of the project (for 3 years)

### 1.5. Commercial use

In case a request is made by or on behalf of a pharmaceutical company, medical device manufacturer or any other for-profit stakeholder, the active license agreements will be checked and a license fee proposed, if applicable. If the proposal is acceptable, a new license agreement will be established between the company and the EuroQoL Research Foundation. Such a license agreement will detail which versions of the EQ-5D (3L, 5L or Y) can be used. The agreement is limited to a single mode of administration.

Companies can obtain permission to use the EQ-5D in certain Languages for a given mode of administration in all (clinical) studies starting during a period of three years. A 'Fixed Price Agreement' can be obtained for companies wishing to access all available EQ-5D Languages of the EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L or EQ-5D-Y in a given mode of administration. Once the license agreement has been fully executed, the EuroQoL Research Foundation will transfer the licensed Languages in MS Word, PDF or MS Excel format. Finally, the invoice will be delivered according to the instructions in the license agreement.

### 1.5.1. Fee structure commercial use

The fees of a license agreement are organized per EQ-5D version, e.g. EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L or EQ-5D-Y on a “per Language and per mode of administration” basis. The available languages are validated for use in a specific country and are quoted as such.

The available modes of administration are:

- Self-complete version on paper
- Self-complete version on PDAs/ Smartphones
- Self-complete version on Tablets
- Self-complete version on Laptops/ Desktop computers
- Interview versions (face-to-face, telephone or proxy versions)
- IVR system versions

Companies that wish to have access to **all** available Languages (as well as those becoming available within the three years license agreement of a particular mode of administration) may request a "Fixed Price Agreement".

The fee for a 3-year license agreement to use the EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L or EQ-5D-Y is as follows:

<b>1. Per Language / mode of administration</b>	€ 3,200.00
<b>2. Exception: Same language / mode of administration, but different country</b>	€ 1,600.00
<b>3. Fixed Price Agreement / mode of administration</b>	€ 70,000.00

### 1.5.2. Multiple modes of administration

In instances where a company requests various Fixed Price Agreements for digital modes of administration (Tablet, PDA/Smartphone or Laptop/ Desktop computer) or interview versions, a discount rate will be applied. Please note that these discounts for extra modes of administration (MOAs) are applied only across modes of administration of a single version, e.g. EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L or EQ-5D-Y.

Please find the discount table below:

### 1.5.3. Discounts for using several Modes of Administration (MOAs)

**Table 1. Discount-table Paper vs. Digital (Percentages)**

	Paper	Extra MOA #1	Extra MOA #2	Extra MOA #3
<b>Fixed Price Agreement (FPA)</b>	0%	0%	25%	50%

**Table 2. Discount-table Paper vs. Digital (Euros)**

	Paper	Extra MOA #1	Extra MOA #2	Extra MOA #3
<b>Fixed Price Agreement (FPA)</b>	€ 70.000,00	€ 70.000,00	€ 52.500,00	€ 35.000,00

### **1.6. Third Party agreements**

Third parties are entitled to administering the EQ-5D on behalf of a commercial entity after signing a free of charge third party agreement. Such third party agreement enables the consultancy / CRO / vendor to facilitate the use of EQ-5D Languages by a pharmaceutical company or medical device manufacturer in a specific study, trial or project. The requested EQ-5D Languages will be provided to the third party by e-mail only once the EuroQol Research Foundation receives the signed third party agreement. Please note that third party agreements are not needed for clinical study sites.

The license agreement will always be between the company concerned and the EuroQol Research Foundation. Negotiations regarding the license agreement can proceed via the consultancy / CRO, if preferred.

## **2. Translation process**

### **2.1. EQ-5D translations**

The EuroQol Research Foundation will arrange for any missing languages versions to be produced, assuming that our translation agencies indicate that it is feasible. EuroQol will lead the translation project. All translations/adaptations of EQ-5D are produced using our standardized translation protocol that conforms to internationally recognized guidelines. These guidelines aim to ensure equivalence to the 'source' version and consists of, inter alia, a forward/backward translation process and cognitive debriefing.

The value of the EQ-5D to users is that the multitude of versions and languages allows for multi-country and within-country trials. This is only possible if there is congruence between the versions in terms of the content and layout, and if the results obtained using the same version but in different languages are interchangeable.

### **2.2. Managing the translation process**

The Version Management Committee (VMC) of the EuroQol Research Foundation is responsible for the quality of the translation process of all EQ-5D language versions.

Whereas it is not the role of the VMC to undertake any translations themselves, it is their role to ensure that every translation of every version be as consistent as possible with all the other versions, while using phrasing appropriate to the country, the language and the age group.

The VMC project management at the EuroQol Office supports the VMC and manages the operational side of the translation work and the communication with users. Their remit includes: i) project management, ii) archiving and tracking of language versions of the questionnaire in all formats; iii) overseeing production of translation certificates; iv) quality control of screenshots for electronic versions.

### **2.3. Requesting new language versions**

Please complete the Registration Form on the EuroQol Research Foundation's website if you would like to obtain an EQ-5D version that is not available according to the overviews on this website.

Once the Translation Request is qualified the VMC project management team will consult our translation agencies in order to determine the following aspects;

- whether the requested translation(s) can be delivered,
- if the requested translation(s) can be delivered within your deadline, and
- what the costs of the translation(s) will be.

If you agree with the translation costs and the estimated delivery date(s), you will have to sign an Approval Letter to initiate the translation process. Once the Approval Letter is signed and the EuroQol Office confirms receipt, the translation process will start. Hereafter, cancellation costs may apply if you decide to cancel the translation project.

#### **2.4. Translation costs**

In principle, translation costs for new language versions are covered by the client requesting the new version. In exceptional cases, at the discretion of the EuroQol Research Foundation, non-commercial clients will be offered a waiver for (part of) the translation costs. Please contact the EuroQol Office for more information.

### **3. Intellectual Property Rights**

All intellectual property rights in the EQ-5D, its (digital) representations, and its translations exclusively vest in the EuroQol Research Foundation. Without the prior written consent of the EuroQol Research Foundation, it is not permitted to i.e. use, reproduce, alter, amend, convert, translate, publish or make available in any way (digital, hard-copy etc.) the EQ-5D and related proprietary materials. When permission is obtained to reproduce or publish the EQ-5D, please use the following copyright and trade mark statement:

© ***EuroQol Research Foundation. EQ-5D™ is a trade mark of the EuroQol Research Foundation.***



#### 4. Contact information

For further questions and/or information regarding the EQ-5D Users' Policy, please contact the EuroQol Office at the following address and contact details:

EuroQol Research Foundation  
Marten Meesweg 107  
3068 AV Rotterdam  
The Netherlands

T: +31 884400190  
E: [userinformationservice@euroqol.org](mailto:userinformationservice@euroqol.org)

##### The EuroQol Office Team

Gerben Bakker  
User Support Officer  
T: +31 884400189  
E: [bakker@euroqol.org](mailto:bakker@euroqol.org)

Nalinie Banarsi  
VMC Project Manager  
T: +31 884400191  
E: [banarsi@euroqol.org](mailto:banarsi@euroqol.org)

Bianca Smit  
VMC Project Manager  
T: +31 88 4400181  
E: [smit@euroqol.org](mailto:smit@euroqol.org)

Tzaddy Osenga  
Legal Counsel  
T: +31 884400186  
E: [osenga@euroqol.org](mailto:osenga@euroqol.org)

Gita Varma  
Legal Counsel  
T: +31 884400180  
E: [varma@euroqol.org](mailto:varma@euroqol.org)

Anita Dwarkasing  
Legal Assistant  
T: +31 884400192  
E: [dwarkasing@euroqol.org](mailto:dwarkasing@euroqol.org)

Madelon Pelders  
Finance Officer  
T: +31 884400198  
E: [pelders@euroqol.org](mailto:pelders@euroqol.org)