PROHUB -Protecting Oral Histories Using Blockchain

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Collections of the NIOD

400 archives about The Netherlands and World War II, holocaust, persecution etc. (about 4 km)

175,000 images of The Netherlands in World War II

contains sensitive personal data: religion, race, arrests, collaboration, convictions

1,800 war diaries

13 metres of letters and correspondence

on average 25 researchers per day

state archives as a loan of the Dutch National Archives



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Access control

The majority of the collections is access controlled: only for research or personal reasons archives can be consulted.

No photography is allowed, digitisation only for personal use.

Some restrictions disappear in 2025; concern for privacy stays!

Databases for improved access to facilitate users, for internal use only

A lot of documents and datasets therefore cannot be shown online, even though they are digitised.



Four types of access restrictions

- Archival Law (Archiefwet)
- GDPR
- Copyright
- Contractual agreements with donors



So, how can we control, check and restrict access to and use of digital and digitised documents?

General overview Restrictions

The following three access regimes apply:

1: Open access

2: Limited open access ('soft restriction') - archival declaration

3: Limited open access ('hard 'restriction'). These documents can only be consulted with permission from the director of NIOD. Researchers can submit their written requests to the director of the NIOD.

ACTIONS	PUBLIC	NOT PUBLIC					
	Open access	Soft restriction:			Hard restriction:		
		GDPR	NA policy	Copyright	GDPR	NA Policy	Copyright
Inspection of scan in secured system	Allowed	Allowed after signing an archive- declaration	Allowed after signing an archive- declaration	Allowed	Allowed after one is granted permission	Allowed after one is granted permission	Allowed after one is granted permission
Reproduction Download Share re-use	Allowed provided that this complies with the general GDPR regulations. Responsibility for the researcher.	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Privatecopy homecopy	Allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed under specific conditions	Not allowed	Not allowed	allowed
Quotation-right	Allowed	Allowed under specific conditions	Allowed under specific conditions	Allowed under specific conditions	Allowed under specific conditions	Allowed under specific conditions	Allowed under specific conditions

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