

Standard for archaeological excavation

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An **archaeological excavation** will examine and record the archaeological resource within a specified area using methods that are described in a project design¹ that is fit for purpose. The work undertaken will be carried out by suitably competent persons in accordance with that project design and the ClfA *Code of conduct* and give due regard to the guidance for archaeological excavation. All archaeological excavations will result in a report, published accounts where appropriate, and a stable, ordered, accessible archive.

Definition of archaeological excavation

Archaeological excavation involves a programme of intrusive fieldwork with defined research objectives which examines, records and interprets archaeological deposits, features and structures and, as appropriate, retrieves artefacts, ecofacts and other remains within a specified area or site on land, in an inter-tidal zone or under water.

The ClfA *Code of conduct* and universal guidance for archaeological excavation can be found here <https://www.archaeologists.net/codes/cifa>.

¹ Within this Standard *project design* is used as a universal term for the document that sets out how the archaeological work will be conducted. This document may be called something different depending on the jurisdiction of the work.



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