

National data dictionary archive

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Data dictionaries list metadata standards at a particular point in time. It is no longer common practice to extract data dictionaries from METEOR at regular intervals, however a number of archival data dictionaries for each sector are available below for reference.

To find current metadata standards for each sector, please use METEOR's search filters to find metadata with a status of 'Standard'.

National Health Data Dictionary

- [NHDD Version 16.2](#) reflects changes to data standards between July 2013 and June 2014
- [NHDD Version 16.1](#) reflects changes to data standards between May 2012 and June 2013
- [Version 15.3, March 2012](#)
- [Version 15.2, September 2011](#)
- [Version 15.1, March 2011](#)
- [Version 15, August 2010](#)
- [Version 14.2, summary of updates](#)
- [Version 14.1, summary of updates](#)
- [Version 14, June 2008](#)
- Version 13.3 February 2008 [no link]
- [Version 13.2, July 2007](#)
- Version 13.1, January 2007 [no link]
- [Version 13, July 2006](#)
- [Version 12 Supplement, October 2004](#)
- [Version 12, February 2004](#)
- [Version 11, October 2002](#)
- [Version 10, May 2001](#)
- [Version 9.0, May 2000](#)
- [Version 8.0, May 1999](#)
- [Version 7.0, October 1998](#)

National Community Services Data Dictionary

- [Version 8, September 2014](#)
- [National Community Services summary of updates since version 7](#)
- [Version 7, August 2012](#)
- Version 6.2, March 2012 [no link]
- [Version 6.1, March 2011](#)
- [Version 6, August 2010](#)
- [Version 5, July 2008](#)
- [Version 4.3, January 2008](#)
- [Version 4.2, July 2007](#)
- [Version 4.1, January 2007](#)
- [Version 4, November 2006](#)
- [Version 3, March 2004](#)
- [Version 2, November 2000](#)
- [Version 1.0, July 1998](#)

National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary

- [Version 3.1, January 2007](#)
- [Version 3, April 2006](#)
- [Version 2, November 2000](#)

Knowledgebase

Knowledgebase was the precursor to METEOR. It was created by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in 1996 as a web-based repository of Australian health, community services and housing assistance data standards. The structure of Knowledgebase was based on an adaptation of the 1993 version of the international standard for *Specification and Standardization of Data Elements* (ISO/IEC 11179). It was one of the first examples in the world of such an implementation, and was a world-first for health and community services data standards. It was developed using an Oracle database with a Microsoft Access front-end. Its metadata structure was mainly focused on storing and displaying data elements and data element concepts.

Knowledgebase was decommissioned in early 2005. Existing metadata standards that were stored in Knowledgebase have been converted to PDF files. These PDFs provide a history of the current metadata standards in METEOR. Metadata items that started life in Knowledgebase still link to their historical data standards; for example, [Person—diabetes therapy type, code NN](#) is linked to the initial Knowledgebase item *Diabetes therapy type*, under the Relational attributes section.

Acronyms

This list of acronyms can help you to decipher these older files:

- ACCNS – Australian Council of Community Nursing Services
- ANZTC – Australia New Zealand Telehealth Committee
- DE – Data element
- DEC – Data element concept
- Derived DE – Derived data element
- NCSDC – National Community Services Data Committee
- NCSDD – National Community Services Data Dictionary
- NCSIMG – National Community Services Information Management Group
- NHADD – National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary
- NHDAMG – National Housing Data Agreement Management Group
- NHDC – National Health Data Committee
- NHDD – National Health Data Dictionary
- NHIMG – National Health Information Management Group

Browse

You can browse Knowledgebase using the links below.