

# Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Set Specification
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	583090
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 06/09/2018
<b>DSS type:</b>	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
<b>Scope:</b>	The Alcohol and other drug treatment services national minimum data set (NMDS) is nationally mandated for collection and reporting.

Publicly funded government and non-government agencies providing alcohol and/or drug treatment services. Including community-based ambulatory services and outpatient services.

The following services are currently not included in the coverage:

- services based in prisons and other correctional institutions;
- agencies that provide primarily accommodation or overnight stays such as 'sobering-up shelters' and 'half-way houses';
- agencies that provide services concerned primarily with health promotion;
- needle and syringe programs;
- agencies whose sole function is to provide prescribing and/or dosing of methadone; and
- acute care and psychiatric hospitals, or alcohol and drug treatment units that report to the Admitted patient care NMDS and do not provide treatment to non-admitted patients.

Clients who are on a methadone maintenance program may be included in the collection where they also receive other types of treatment.

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Statistical unit:</b>	Completed treatment episodes for clients who participate in a treatment type as specified in the data element <a href="#">Main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs</a> .
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Data to be reported in each agency on completed treatment episode and then forwarded to state/territory authorities for collation.

### *National reporting requirements*

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

### *Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated*

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**Comments:** *Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set are included here.

[Cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Information Group

# Relational attributes

## Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15 Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Has been superseded by [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Statistical linkage key 581 cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
1	<a href="#">Person—letters of family name, text XXX</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Person—letters of given name, text XX</a>	Mandatory	1
3	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
4	<a href="#">Person—sex, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
5	<a href="#">Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYN</a>	Mandatory	1
6	<a href="#">Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA</a>	Conditional	1
<b>Conditional obligation:</b>			
Where a date of birth is estimated the date accuracy indicator should be used			
-	<a href="#">Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}</a>	Mandatory	1
<b>DSS specific information:</b>			
For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the usual address of the client.			
-	<a href="#">Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)</a>	Mandatory	1
<b>DSS specific information:</b>			
For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered. For agencies with more than one location, the data element relates to the service delivery outlet.			
-	<a href="#">Client—injecting drug use status, code N</a>	Conditional	1
<b>Conditional obligation:</b>			
This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.			
-	<a href="#">Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N</a>	Conditional	1
<b>Conditional obligation:</b>			
This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.			
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—cessation reason, code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—client type, code N</a>	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (other), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN</a>	Conditional	5
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN</a>	Conditional	1
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—referral source, code NN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—service delivery setting, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment cessation date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>The date must be later than or the same as the treatment commencement date for the episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment commencement date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>The date must be earlier than or the same as the treatment cessation date for the episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment type (main), code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment type (other), code N</a>	Mandatory	4
-	<a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>This field must not be null.</p> <p>National Minimum Data Sets:</p> <p>For the provision of state and territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies this field must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be less than or equal to Admission date, Date patient presents or Service contact date</li> <li>• be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped.</li> </ul>		
-	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}</a>	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Person—sex.code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—usual accommodation type prior to service episode.code NN{.N}</a>	Mandatory	1