

# Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 700931

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

**DSS type:** National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

**Scope:** 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

**Statistical unit:** Completed treatment episodes for clients who participate in a treatment type as specified in the data element [Main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs](#).

**Collection methods:** 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:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**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 2018-19](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Has been superseded by [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Statistical linkage key 581 cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Client—injecting drug use status, code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<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
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (other), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN</a>	Conditional	5
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—main treatment type, code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—other treatment type, code N[N]</a>	Conditional	4
-	<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
-	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment commencement date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<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 2016) N[NNN]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—sex, code X</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—usual accommodation type prior to service episode, code NN{,N}</a>	Mandatory	1

