

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 717078

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

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: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

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 2019–20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

Has been superseded by [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021–22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Statistical linkage key 581 cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)	Mandatory	1
-	Client—injecting drug use status, code N	Conditional	1
-	Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N	Conditional	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—cessation reason, code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—client type, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (other), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN	Conditional	5
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN	Conditional	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—main treatment type, code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—other treatment type, code N[N]	Conditional	4
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—referral source, code NN	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—service delivery setting, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment cessation date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment commencement date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—sex, code X	Mandatory	1
-	Person—usual accommodation type prior to service episode, code NN{,N}	Mandatory	1