

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2024-25

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	775611
Registration status:	Health , Standard 06/12/2023
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.

The NMDS covers: Publicly funded government and non-government agencies providing alcohol and/or drug treatment services. This includes 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 .
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Collection methods:	<i>Jurisdictional reporting requirements</i>
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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:	01/07/2024
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Implementation end date:	30/06/2025
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Comments:	<i>Glossary items</i>
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Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set are included here.

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

[Gender](#)

[Sex](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24 Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

See also [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NBEDS 2024-25 Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NBEDS 2024-25 Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

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Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Statistical linkage key 581 cluster	Mandatory	1
1	Person—letters of family name, text XXX	Mandatory	1
2	Person—letters of given name, text XX	Mandatory	1
3	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
4	Person—sex, code X	Mandatory	1
5	Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX	Mandatory	1
6	Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

Where a date of birth is estimated the date accuracy indicator should be used.

-	Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN	Mandatory	1
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DSS specific information:

This data element is collected relating to the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.

The postcode provided must match the [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(45\)\]](#) or [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#) provided.

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS the following Supplementary codes have been defined:

0055	Overseas
0088	Other
0097	No fixed address (or Not applicable)
0098	Unknown
0099	Not stated/inadequately described.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is collected on a Conditional basis with the element Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X[X(45)] of client. Data must be reported for one of the two elements, either Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) of client or Address—suburb/town/locality name of client.</p> <p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>This data element is collected relating to the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.</p> <p>The SA2 code of client must match the location of the Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN of client provided.</p> <p>Note that this data element is also collected on a Mandatory basis for the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered.</p>		
-	Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)	Mandatory	1
	<p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>This data element is collected relating 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. It is collected on a Mandatory basis.</p> <p>Note that this data element is also collected on a Conditional basis for the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.</p>		
-	Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X[X(45)]	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is collected on a Conditional basis with the element Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9) of client. Data must be reported for one of the two elements, either Address—suburb/town/locality name of client or Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) of client.</p> <p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>This data element is collected relating to the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.</p> <p>The suburb/town/locality name of client provided must match the location of the Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN of client provided.</p>		
-	Client—injecting drug use status, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</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>		
-	Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</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>		

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	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
Conditional obligation:			
This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.			
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN	Conditional	1
Conditional obligation:			
This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.			
-	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
Conditional obligation:			
This data element should only be reported for those episodes of treatment where the Main treatment type is not 'Assessment only' (Code 7), i.e. 'Assessment only' treatment episodes should not involve additional types of treatment.			
-	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
DSS specific information:			
The date must be later than or the same as the treatment commencement date for the episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.			
-	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment commencement date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
DSS specific information:			
The date must be earlier than or the same as the treatment cessation date for the episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.			
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
	<p>DSS specific information:</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"> • be less than or equal to Admission date, Date patient presents or Service contact date • be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped. 		
-	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