






Aged Care NMDS

What is an NMDS?	The Aged Care NMDS are content data standards . They set out how to collect and record 'core' aged care data relating to people, assessments, services, and providers. They draw on existing data and terminology within aged care, as well as national standards and common code systems.	
What do data standards achieve?		Agreed definitions and meaning
		A set format for what to collect and how
How do I use the NMDS?	The data standards define how data is captured for selected items, but they are not a new data collection and they do not cover all data collected within aged care.	
Why are data standards important?		Data is collected accurately and consistently
		Resulting information can be used with confidence
When will this take effect?	The Aged Care NMDS data standards are released in June 2023. This is followed by a 12-month implementation period where internal processes at the Department of Health and Aged Care are first aligned with the standards, before the sector will begin to make changes.	
How will this affect me?	To be ready to provide data in accordance with the Aged Care NMDS by 1 July 2024, we ask that you consider the data standards and your existing systems (these may need to be modified to align with the standards) or future systems (these should be designed and developed to align with the standards). Data using the NMDS data standards will be reported via GEN as it becomes available – note that because many of the items already exist, outward change in reporting may be negligible. https://www.gen-agedcaredata.gov.au	
Where do I find them?	The full data standards for the Aged Care NMDS are available via METEOR , the AIHW's online metadata repository. www.meteor.aihw.gov.au	

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