

Data Request Form

Requesting Health statistics and data

Where Health and Aged Care data is not available publicly, you can request data by filling in this form. The process and timeframes for each request can vary depending on the type of data required and the complexity of data extraction.

The release of Health statistics and data is bound by privacy, confidentiality and secrecy provisions in relevant legislation.

Assessment of your data request will include the following:

- **purpose** - a specific research question or public benefit defined outcome has been identified that can reasonably be expected to support improvement of the health or wellbeing of Australians
- **anonymity** - anonymity checks—to ensure data requested cannot identify an individual or entity where consent is not given
- **consent** - any identified and identifiable information can only be provided with the valid consent of the identified people or entities—for consent to be valid it must be free, informed, competent and current
- **privacy compliance** - the release of data must be in accordance with the purpose for which it was collected

If your request is approved it will be forwarded to a data extraction team. Our staff may contact you to check that the data extracted will meet your needs.

If your request involves complex or customised extraction of data, you may be provided with an estimate of costs.

Cost recovery for statistics and data requests

The Commonwealth Government may charge a fee for requests for customised statistics and data.

Any amount charged is based on the requirements of your request.

Once the quote is accepted, we will extract the data in the agreed timeframes.

Note

In order to assist with our assessment please send with this form any other documentation for the project that you have such as: project outline, risk assessment, ethics approval etc

ARE YOU IN THE RIGHT PLACE?

Media enquiries and FOI

This form is to request data for performing analytics. Media requests should be made through the [Media Centre](#). FOI requests should be made through the [FOI page](#).

Government agencies that provide Australian health data:

[Data.gov.au](#) provides an easy way to find, access and reuse public data.

If the data you require is not on data.gov.au, it may be available from of the following agencies, which have a wealth of data on health and other issues.

Note: Please try to get your data from these agencies before submitting a request to the Department of Health.

Department of Human Services (DHS):

The DHS is responsible for social welfare, health and other payments and services.

Information on how to obtain data on Australian Government health and welfare payment is available on the DHS [website](#).

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS):

The ABS is Australia's national statistical agency, providing trusted official statistics on a wide range of economic, social, population and environmental matters of importance to Australia.

The ABS provides [publicly available statistics](#) about all aspects of Australia. They also provide [information on the ABS microdata assets](#) and access to ABS microdata can be requested through the [Microdata Entry Page](#)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW):

The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Australian Government under the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.

Reports, analysis and data can be accessed or requested through their [website](#).

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA):

IHPA's primary function is to enable Activity Based Funding for Australian public hospital services. IHPA does this by delivering an annual National Efficient Price (NEP) and National Efficient Cost (NEC). The NEP and NEC are a major determinant of the level of Commonwealth Government funding for public hospital services and provide a price signal or benchmark for the efficient cost of providing public hospital services.

Information on IHPA's data holdings and instructions for applying for IHPA data can be found on their [website](#)

1. Requestor Details

Email

First name

Last name

Contact information

Telephone Number

Organisation

Street Address

Postal Address

2. Please list the people who will be using this data together with their relevant experience. If they have an Australian Government security clearance, please state the level of clearance.

3. Will the data be used or disclosed for any purpose that is additional to or different from the original request?

PROJECT

Project name

Proposed project start date

Proposed project end date

Please provide a brief description of the project you will be using this data for.

This section asks questions about how you intend to use the requested data.

4. What are your project objectives?

5. Please provide an overview of how the data you are requesting will assist your project.

6. Please list all collaborating partners, including those overseas (eg. universities, industry partners, consultants, etc.)

This section asks questions about data linkage associated with the project

7. Does this project involve data linkage?

No

Yes

8. Which datasets are to be linked?

9. Who will be linking the data?

10. What data linkage methodology will you be using?

11. How is your project being funded?

Please provide details of both direct and indirect funding, both from within and outside Australia.

12. Is this a consented study?

Please select only item

No

Yes

Please attach a copy of the consent form used.

13. Provide details of the ethics committee approval for this project particularly in regard to the use of the requested data.

Please attach the ethics approval documentation and any documents you wish to include with the request.

14. Are you willing to submit your project to the Department of Health, Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) ethics committee if deemed necessary?

Please select only one item

- No
- Yes

15. Does your project involve any human samples? eg blood, tissue, organs.

Please select only one item

- No
- Yes

16. Is this a clinical trial?

Please select only one item

- No
- Yes

If yes, provide your clinical trial number here

The Department of Health requires all clinical trials to be registered with the [Australia New Zealand Clinical Trial Registry](#)

17. Are you:

Please select all that apply

- A resident of Australia
- Employed by the Commonwealth public service
- Employed by a health or welfare service provider
- Employed by a state government public service
- Researcher / academic
- Politician/political advisor
- Employed by a peak body or advocacy group
- A student
- Other

METHODOLOGY

18. Has the project hypothesis been tested against publicly available versions of the data to demonstrate the validity of the research question?

Please select only one item

No

Yes

If yes, provide details (if not, why?)

19. Provide research methodology or analysis framework and protocols

Please include any relevant information on samples, proposed sample weighting and steps taken to avoid spontaneous recognition.

20. Provide details on the information to be published or released, or the related educational resource being developed

- Will the data be publicly released?
- What is the nature of the resource or publication?
- Who is the intended target audience?
- When is it proposed that the final report or resource will be completed?
- Is it proposed that the results will be published, and to whom will they be released?

21. What measures are in place to mitigate the risk of potential re-identification of individuals or groups from the information to be published or released?

DATA REQUEST

22. What type of data are you requesting?

- Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)
- Aged care
- Private health insurance
- Hospitals (public or private)
- Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
- Health workforce
- Mental health
- Indigenous health
- Population health
- Immunisation
- Other (provide details)

If other or multiple categories, provide details

23. What question(s) are you trying to answer from the data.

Please attach a copy of any documents you wish to include with this submission. Please ensure the file is in an accessible format. If you wish you may attach a mock-up of the table of data you require.

24. Please describe the data set you are requesting, including details such as the years you are requesting, and your preferred data format.

25. What level of detail are you requesting?

Note: the more graduated the data you request the more work will be required to process your request and the more cost will be involved.

Please select only one item

- ☐ Unit Record Data
- ☐ Primary Health Network (PHN)
- ☐ Local Government Area (LGA)
- ☐ Individual Hospitals
- ☐ Statistical Area 2 (SA2)
- ☐ Other (provide details)

If other or multiple categories, provide details here

26. Does this data request involve any identifiable data (direct names, addresses, dates of birth, data provider numbers, etc.)

Please select only one item

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

If yes, what testing will you performing to prevent individuals being identified? What measures will you employ to keep identifying keys separate from sensitive data?

27. Does this data request involve de-identified versions of this data?

Please select only one item

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

If yes, what testing will you performing to prevent individuals being identified? What measures will you employ to keep identifying keys separate from sensitive data? (next page)

28. Where will you store and use the requested data? Please include details about IT and building security, data security training, authorisations, logging of all accesses

29. Does the data you are requesting contain information on any of the following:

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Drugs of addiction
- ☐ Psychotropic drugs
- ☐ Dementia
- ☐ Medical workforce
- ☐ Bulk billing
- ☐ Allied health
- ☐ Highly Specialised Drugs (HSDs)
- ☐ Linkage of PBS and MBS items
- ☐ Derived major specialties
- ☐ Mental health drugs
- ☐ IVF/pregnancy related drugs
- ☐ Children
- ☐ PBS Risk Share items
- ☐ Under co-payment prescriptions
- ☐ Safety net
- ☐ Voluntary Indigenous Indicator (VII)
- ☐ Low utilisation PBS and MBS items
- ☐ Primary Health Networks (PHNs)

REQUESTOR INVOICING DETAILS

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30. Invoicing details

Organisation name

Billing address

Contact name

Phone number

Contact email

ABN

ACN