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# Update to validation AOD43 error description

In response to queries from the sector, the error description for validation AOD43 is now updated for improved clarity, **effective 24 March 2025**. The AOD43 error description now matches the pseudo-code rule.

Old error description:

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| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo code/rule | Source | Status |
| AOD43 | ~~Duplicate concurrent assessment event types~~ | SI-outlet code  SI-report period  Client-client ID  Event-client ID  Event-event type | Outlet code, Report Period, Client-Client ID, Event-Client ID, Count (Event-event-type=2) > 1 | DH | Error |

New error description:

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| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo code/rule | Source | Status |
| AOD43 | More than one assessment event within a reporting period for the same client | SI-outlet code  SI-report period  Client-client ID  Event-client ID  Event-event type | Outlet code, Report Period, Client-Client ID, Event-Client ID, Count (Event-event-type=2) > 1 | DH | Error |

Please note that there was no change to the pseudo-code validation for AOD43, its function remains the same.

If you have any queries about this, please email [vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:vadc_data@health.vic.gov.au) <vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au>.

# Drug Treatment Activity Unit (DTAU) derivation rules update

The *Drug Treatment Activity Unit Derivation Rules 2024-25 V2* have been published at [Funding of alcohol and other drug services](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/funding-of-alcohol-and-other-drug-services) <www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/funding-of-alcohol-and-other-drug-services> website. Version 2 clarifies the rules regarding application of Aboriginal weighting when funding source code is ‘127 Aboriginal-specific facility rehabilitation’.

In summary, when funding source code is ‘127 Aboriginal-specific facility rehabilitation’ (and all rules met), Aboriginal weighting is applied. The only exception is when service stream is ‘30 Residential rehabilitation’ because the Aboriginal uplift is built into the DTAU base value for this code combination.

If you have any queries about this, please email [vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:vadc_data@health.vic.gov.au) <vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au>.

# Note to Postcode-Locality reference file

The department is not permitted to share the Postcode-Locality reference file for commercial use. As a result, all references and links to “postcode-locality reference file” have been removed from the [VADC website](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/vadc-documentation).

Please note that there are no changes to the reporting requirements for Postcode and Locality.

# VADC annual update for 2025-26

As previously advised, the VADC annual changes process for 2025-26 was suspended, with approval from the VADC Data Custodian in September 2024. There is no significant update to the VADC specifications or XSD schema for 2025-26.

The only changes required are financial year rollover updates:

* Update of consolidation date to validation (XML23 - Submission Reporting Period prior to cut-off date) in ‘Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules’ of the *VADC Data Specification 2025-26*.
* Update of years in ‘Section 8 End of financial year reporting’ of the *VADC Compilation and Submission Specification 2025-26.*

The department will publish the following by May 2025:

* *VADC Data Specification 2025-26*
* *VADC Compilation and Submission Specification 2025-26*
* *VADC XSD Schema 2025-26*

If you have any questions about the VADC annual changes process for 2025-26, please email [vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:vadc_data@health.vic.gov.au) <vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au>.