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**VADC Bulletins must be read in conjunction with the VADC Data Specification, available here**

[VADC documentation - health.vic](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/reporting-for-aod-services/data-collection/vadc-documentation)

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# VADC Data Specifications for 2021-2022

The VADC Data Specifications for 2021-22 were distributed via email on 20/04/21 and included:

* *VADC Data Specification 2021-22*
* *VADC Compilation and Submission 2021-22*

It is important to ensure your vendor has received the specifications and is working on the changes. This will guarantee sufficient time for both the vendor and your service to complete testing of the changes and enable services to enter data in the updated software from July 1, 2021.

These documents have been published on <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/reporting-for-aod-services/data-collection/vadc-documentation>

## 1.1 Updates incorporated in *VADC Data Specification 2021-22 V1.0*

The information below was distributed via email to vendors on 26/04/2021. It highlights that there were two updates subsequent to the *Specifications for revisions to the VADC for 1 July 2021* distributed on 24 December 2020. These updates were incorporated in the VADC Data Specification 2021-22 Version 1.0 released on 20.04.2021.

**5.3.6     Drug Concern—volume—N[N][N][N]**

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| **Definition** | Volume of the drug of concern consumed by the client per day |
| **Value domain attributes** |
| Representational attributes |
| **Representation class** | Quantity | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | N[N][N][N] | **Maximum character length** | 4 |
| **Permissible values** | **Value** | **Meaning** |
|  | 0< and <9999 | Value greater than or equal to zero and less than 9999 |
| **Supplementary values** | **Value** | **Meaning** |
|  | 9999 | not stated/inadequately described |

**5.4.2      Event—course length—N**

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| *Identifying and definitional attributes* |
| **Definition** | The length of a treatment service event |
| **Value domain attributes** |
| *Representational attributes* |
| **Representation class** | Code | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | N | **Maximum character length** | 1 |
| **Permissible values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** |
|  | 1  | standard |
|  | 2 | extended |
| **Supplementary values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** |
|  | 8 | not applicable |
|  | 9 | not stated/inadequately described |
| **Data element attributes** |
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| *Reporting attributes*  |
| **Reporting requirements** | Conditional-Mandatory for Treatment service events with service stream of Counselling, or Non-Residential Withdrawal   |

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## 1.2 Updates since publication of the *VADC Data Specification 2021-22 V1.0*

The VADC Data Specification 2021-22 Version 1.0 released on 20.04.2021 omitted the inclusion of ‘or treatment’ in warning validation A0D29 in Section 5.4.21.  The correct information (with omitted information highlighted) is below:

**5.4.21    Event—TIER—N**

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| *Relational attributes* |
| **Related concepts** | Client |
|  | Service event |
| **Related data elements** | Event-end date |
| **Edit/validation rules** | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period AOD29 event type mismatch, event type is not assessment or treatment |
|  | AOD60 TIER and assessment not ended, when event type is assessment |
|  | AOD61 no TIER and assessment has ended, when event type is assessment |

An update has been made to 7.3 Data Dictionary, Table 12 Service Event, to align with the data element definitions for Service Event Types that are NOT Intake and Comprehensive Assessment

Table 12 Service event

| Data element name | Type | Mandatory | Comment |
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| MARAM tools | N(1) | ~~Yes~~Conditional | The status of whether MARAM framework/tools were applied at the current presentation. |
| Family violence | N(1) | ~~Yes~~Conditional | Specifies whether the client has experienced family violence as a victim survivor or is a perpetrator (person who uses family violence) at the current presentation |

A description update has been made to Table 5.c

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo code/rule | Status |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AOD176 | Drug of concern volume ~~not~~ is 0, when there is frequency of use ~~is not none~~ | Drug Concern-frequency last 30 daysDrug Concern-date last useOutcomes-Client review date | DC-frequency last 30 days != [0,9] AND DC-volume=0 | warning |

## 1.3 Clarification to AOD181 *VADC Data Specification 2021-22 V1.0*

In response to a query, clarification is provided on Validation AOD181 - this validation applies to the **current service event** to reflect clinical practice and meet the objectives of the *Specifications for revisions to the Victorian Alcohol & Drug Collection (VADC) for 1 July 2021*.

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo code/rule | Source | Status |
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| AOD181 | No maltreatment code and client is the person of concern*Only applies when Report Period >= 072021* | Event –maltreatment codeContact-relationship to client Event-service stream | Event –maltreatment code = null AND (Contact-relationship to client =0 OR Event service stream = (Table 3 Activity Type = R)) | DH | error |

# End of year transition reminder

Do not artificially close service events on 30 June 2021 due to end of financial year. There is no requirement for this as part of end of financial year arrangements. Details regarding how to handle service events spanning the two financial years are in Section 8 of *VADC Compilation and Submission 2021-22.*

To allow extra time for implementation, the July 21 submission deadline (ordinarily 15 August 2021) will be relaxed and services can submit July 2021 data no later than 15 Sept 2021. August 2021 data will also be due on Sept 15, 2021.

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