# **Prison entrants DSS**



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## **Prison entrants DSS**

## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

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**Registration status:** Health!, Superseded 28/04/2016

**DSS type:** Data Set Specification (DSS)

**Scope:** The Prison entrants DSS describes data about all persons aged 18 years and

over entering prison system during the National Prisoner Health Census reporting

period.

### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This DSS is a component of the Prisoner health DSS. The Prison entrants DSS

describes data about people entering the prison system during the National Prisoner Health Census reporting period. This includes demographic data and data about a prison entrant's mental health, chronic disease status, their use of

alcohol and other drugs, their use of health services and pregnancy.

**Collection methods:** Information about the prison entrant is collected by a health professional at the

prison reception health assessment (alternatively known as the intake or induction

assessment) using the Prison Entrants form.

One Prison Entrants form should be completed for each person who enters the prison system during the National Prisoner Health Census reporting period.

#### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2009. From corrections to community: a

set of indicators of the health of Australia's prisoners. Bulletin no. 75. Cat. no. AUS

120. Canberra: AlHW

#### Relational attributes

Related metadata Has been superseded by Prison entrants NBEDS

references: Health!, Standard 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Prisoner health DSS

Specifications: Health!, Superseded 28/04/2016

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Establishment (prison)—organisation identifier, NNN	Mandatory	1
2	Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N	Mandatory	1
3	Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Within this data set specification, person identifier refers to the prisoner identifier. The prisoner identifier is assigned by the Department of Corrective Services in each state and territory.

4 Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY Mandatory 1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
5	Person—age, total years N[NN]	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Age in years should be completed/estimated when date of birth is unknown.		
6	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2008) NNNN	Mandatory	1
7	Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2005) NN{NN}	Mandatory	1
8	Person—sex, code N	Mandatory	1
9	Person—transgender indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
10	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
11	Person—highest year of school completed, code N	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by highest level of completed education.		
12	Non-school qualification cluster	Mandatory	1
1	Person—non-school qualification indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
2	Person—level of highest non-school qualification, code N	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on the person having completed a non-school qualification.		
	DSS specific information:		
	This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by highest level of completed education.		
13	Prison entrant—education attendance status 30 days prior to imprisonment, education attendance status code N	Mandatory	1
14	Prison entrant—labour force status 30 days prior to imprisonment, code N	Mandatory	1
15	Prison entrant—first time in prison or juvenile detention indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
16	Incarceration history cluster	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on having previously been in custody		
1	Prison entrant—number of times in prison or juvenile detention, total number N[N]	Mandatory	1
2	Prison entrant—type of corrective services facility, code N	Mandatory	2
17	Prison entrant—age at first detention, total years NN	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on the prison entrant being previously detained in a prison or juvenile justice centre.		
18	Prison entrant—legal status of prisoner, code N	Mandatory	1
	Prison entrant—imprisonment in the last 12 months indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1

# Seq Metadata item Obligation Max No. occurs

20 Person—mental health disorder indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist or nurse that they have a mental health disorder (including drug and alcohol abuse).

21 Person—medication for mental health disorder indicator, yes/no code N

Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on prison entrant being told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist or nurse that they have a mental health disorder (including drug and alcohol abuse).

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who are currently taking medication for a mental health disorder.

22 <u>Prison entrant—distress related to current imprisonment indicator, yes/no/not applicable code N</u>

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who indicate their current distress is related to the present imprisonment.

#### 23 Chronic condition cluster

Mandatory 1

1 Person—specific chronic condition indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicators:

- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have arthritis, and who still have the condition currently;
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have asthma, and who still have the condition currently;
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have cancer, and who still have the condition currently:
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have cardiovascular disease, and who still have the condition currently; and
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have diabetes, and who still have the condition currently.

This data element can be used in conjunction with the data elements: <u>Person</u>—type of chronic condition, code N and <u>Person</u>—chronic condition indicator, <u>yes/no code N</u> to obtain information on the prevalence of chronic conditions in a population group.

#### Seq Metadata item **Obligation Max** No. occurs

2 Person—type of chronic condition, code N Conditional 5

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person being told they have a chronic condition.

3 Person—chronic condition indicator, yes/no code N Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person being previously told they have a chronic condition.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicators:

- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have arthritis, and who still have the condition currently;
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have asthma, and who still have the condition
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have cancer, and who still have the condition currently;
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have cardiovascular disease, and who still have the condition currently; and
- Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have diabetes, and who still have the condition currently.

#### 24 Health service utilisation cluster

Mandatory 1

Prison entrant—individual service provider consulted indicator, yes/no code N 1

Mandatory

2 Prison entrant—type of service provider consulted, occupation code (ANZSCO 1st Conditional 8 edition) N[NNN]{NN}

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prison entrant indicating that they consulted a service provider for their own health in the last 12 months.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicators: Proportion of prison entrants who, in the last 12 months, consulted a medical professional for their own health within the community and Proportion of prison entrants who, in the last 12 months, consulted a medical professional for their own health in prison.

The following service providers are included in the type of health service provider consulted in the community and in prison:

Medical Practitioners (GP) diagnose, treat and prevent human physical and mental disorders and injuries. Registration or licensing is required. This permissible value maps to occupation 253111 (Generalist Medical Practitioners) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Nurses (Registered) provide nursing care to patients in hospitals, aged care and other health care facilities, and in the community. This permissible value maps to occupation 254499 (Registered Nurses) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

No. Metadate Rename Final Provide nursing care to patients in a variety of health, aged care, welfare and community settings under the supervision of Registered Nurses. Registration or licensing is required. This permissible value maps to occupation 411411 (Enrolled nurse) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

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Psychologists investigate, assess and provide treatment and counselling to foster optimal personal, social, educational and occupational adjustment and development. This permissible value maps to unit group 2723 (Psychologists) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Psychiatrists diagnose, assess, treat and prevent human mental, emotional and behavioural disorders. Registration or licensing is required. This permissible value maps to occupation 253411 (Psychiatrists) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers liaise with patients, clients, visitors to hospitals and other medical facilities and staff at health clinics, and work as a team member to arrange, coordinate and provide health care delivery in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community health clinics. Registration or licensing may be required. This permissible value maps to unit group 411511 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Drug and Alcohol Counsellors provide support and treatment for people with drug and alcohol dependency problems; develop strategies which assist them to set goals and affect and maintain change; and provide community education. This permissible value maps to occupation 272112 (Drug and Alcohol Counsellor) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Dental practitioners diagnose and treat dental disease, restore normal oral function using a broad range of treatments, such as surgery and other specialist techniques, and advise on oral health. Registration or licensing is required. This permissible value maps to unit group 2523 (Dental practitioners) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Social workers assess the social needs of individuals, families and groups, assist and empower people to develop and use the skills and resources needed to resolve social and other problems, and further human wellbeing and human rights, social justice and social development. Registration or licensing may be required. This permissible value maps to occupation 272511 (Social Worker) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Welfare Workers assist individuals, families and groups with social, emotional or financial difficulties to improve quality of life, by educating and supporting them and working towards change in their social environment. This permissible value maps to occupation 272613 (Welfare Worker) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

3 Health service event—prisoner location, code N

Conditional 16

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prisoner consulting a service provider for their own health in the last 12 months.

#### 25 Health service non-utilisation cluster

Mandatory 1

1 Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory 1

2 Prison entrant—type of service provider needed but not utilised, occupation code (ANZSCO 1st edition) N[NNN]{NN}

Conditional 8

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prison entrant indicating that he or she needed to consult with a service provider for their own health but did not.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National

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Metadata rem Health Indicators include the indicators: Proportion of prison entrants who, in the last 12 months, needed to consult with a medical professional in the community, but did not; and Proportion of prison entrants who, in the last 12 months, needed to consult with a medical professional whilst in prison, but did not.

Obligation Max occurs

The following service providers are included in the list of service providers not consulted in the community or in prison:

Medical practitioners (GP) diagnose, treat and prevent human physical and mental disorders and injuries. Registration or licensing is required. This permissible value maps to occupation 253111 (Generalist Medical Practitioners) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Nurses (Registered) provide nursing care to patients in hospitals, aged care and other health care facilities, and in the community. This permissible value maps to occupation 254499 (Registered Nurses) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

Nurses (Enrolled) provide nursing care to patients in a variety of health, aged care, welfare and community settings under the supervision of Registered Nurses. Registration or licensing is required. This permissible value maps to occupation 411411 (Enrolled nurse) of the ANZSCO classification scheme.

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Seq Metadata item Obligation Max
No. occurs

3 Health service event—prisoner location when service provider was needed, but not Conditional 16 utilised, prisoner location code N

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prison entrant indicating that he or she needed to consult with a service provider for their own health but did not.

26 Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN

Conditional 10

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prison entrant not seeing a health professional during the last 12 months, when required.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by reason for not seeking medical contact in the past 12 months when required.

27 Person—blow to the head indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have ever received a blow to the head resulting in a loss of consciousness.

28 Person—self-harm indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have ever intentionally harmed themselves.

29 Person—self-harm ideation in the last 12 months, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they have thought of harming themselves in the last 12 months.

30 AUDIT score of risky alcohol consumption cluster

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This cluster is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report a risk of alcohol-related harm (self-report).

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Obligation Max occurs

1 Person—alcohol consumption frequency, AUDIT alcohol consumption frequency code N

Mandatory

#### DSS specific information:

This data element refers to prison entrants only.

The AUDIT contains the question 'How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?'. The Prisoner Health Information Group amended the question wording for the National Prisoner Health Census to 'Over the last 12 months how often did you have a drink containing alcohol?'

2 <u>Person—alcohol consumption amount (self-reported), total standard drinks NN</u>

Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person having had an alcoholic drink in the last 12 months.

#### DSS specific information:

The Prisoner Health DSS requires information on the number of standard drinks consumed on a typical day when drinking to be recorded in the following categories: 1 or 2; 3 or 4; 5 or 6; 7 to 9 and 10 or more standard drinks.

This data element refers to prison entrants only.

3 Person—consumption of 6 or more standard drinks on one occasion, AUDIT consumption of 6 or more standard drinks code N

Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person having had an alcoholic drink in the last 12 months.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element refers to prison entrants only.

The AUDIT contains the question 'How often do you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion?' The Prisoner Health Information Group amended the question wording for the National Prisoner Health Census to 'In the last 12 months how often did you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion?'

#### 31 Smoking status cluster

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

For the Prisoner Health DSS, this question is formed using the responses to 3 questions:

- a) Have you ever smoked a full cigarette?
- b) Do you smoke now?
- c) If you smoke now, which of the following best describes your current use of tobacco?

I now smoke occasionally, but less than once a week I now smoke occasionally, not every day, but at least once a week I now smoke regularly, every day or most days.

# Seq Metadata item No. 1 Person—ever smoked a full cigarette indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N 2 Person—tobacco smoking start age, total years N[NN] Conditional obligation: Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person indicating that they have ever smoked a full cigarette.

#### DSS specific information:

In the Prisoner Health DSS 'tobacco smoking start age' refers to the age at which a person smoked their first full cigarette.

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Mean age at which prison entrants smoked their first full cigarette.

3 Person—current smoking status indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person indicating that they have ever smoked a full cigarette.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they currently smoke tobacco.

This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element <u>Person</u> —tobacco smoking frequency, current tobacco smoking frequency code N to define a person's current smoking status.

4 Person—tobacco smoking frequency, current tobacco smoking frequency code N Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person indicating that they currently smoke.

#### 32 Substances used illicitly cluster

1 Person—substance used illicitly indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Mandatory 1

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they engaged in illicit drug use in the last 12 months.

2 Person—type of substance used illicitly, drug of concern (ASCDC 2011 extended) Conditional 99 code NNNN

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on person using a substance in an illicit manner in the last 12 months.

33 Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster

Mandatory 1

# Seq Metadata item Obligation Max No. occurs

1 Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory

2 Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory 1

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report being on pharmacotherapy medication for opioid dependence.

3 Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N

Conditional 2

#### Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the respondent indicating that they are currently on, or have been on a pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence.

#### DSS specific information:

This data element occurs twice: once for past treatment and once for current treatment.

34 <u>Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code</u> Conditional 1 N

#### Conditional obligation:

This data element is conditional on the respondent being female.

#### DSS specific information:

In the Prison entrants DSS, this data element refers to females reporting having had a cervical screen within the last two years.

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of female prison entrants who report that they have had a Pap smear in the last two years.

#### 35 Pregnancy status cluster

Conditional 1

#### Conditional obligation:

This cluster is conditional on the respondent being female.

1 Female—ever been pregnant indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described Mandatory 1 code N

#### DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of female prison entrants who report that they have ever been pregnant.

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2 Female—age at first pregnancy, total years N[N]

Conditional 1

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on person having been pregnant.

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Mean/median age at first pregnancy for female prison entrants.

36 <u>Prison entrant—mental health service referral, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</u>

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who, at reception, were referred to mental health services for observation and further assessment.

37 Prison entrant—at risk of suicide or self-harm indicator, yes/no code N

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

In this data set specification, risk of suicide/self-harm includes those who have expressed intent to self-harm or commit suicide.

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants identified as currently at risk of suicide or self-harm.