

National Disability Data Asset

How we decide what data to include

Easy Read version



How to use this document



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

We are the Australian Government
Department of Social Services (DSS).

We wrote this document for the
National Disability Data Asset team.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [16](#).



You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of
another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find more information on our website.

[https://www.ndda.gov.au/how-we-decide-
what-data-to-include](https://www.ndda.gov.au/how-we-decide-what-data-to-include)

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About the National Disability Data Asset



The **National Disability Data Asset** brings together **data** that has already been collected about all Australians.

In this document, we call it 'the Data Asset'.



When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



The Data Asset includes information about programs and services that people use.

For example:



- community supports



- education



- health care.



Researchers can use the Data Asset to find out what needs to work better for people with disability.



This research will help us better support:

- people with disability
- their families and carers.



The data doesn't include personal information.

For example:

- names
- addresses
- bank account details.



We won't use the data to decide if a person can get government supports.

For example, the NDIS.

Principles to include data



There are 4 **principles** that guide what data to include in the Data Asset.



Principles are ideas that are important.



The **National Disability Data Asset Council** created these principles.

In this document, we call them ‘the Council’.



The Council is a group of people who make sure the Data Asset is being used in the right way.



People who want to include new data in the Data Asset will need to start using the principles from 2026.

1. Does the use of data follow the National Disability Data Asset Charter?



The **National Disability Data Asset Charter** includes rules about how people must use the Data Asset.

This includes rules about how people work with the disability community to:



- manage the Data Asset



- protect information about people with disability.

People need to think about:



- why they want to include the data



- if their reasons to include the data follow the National Disability Data Asset Charter.



It's important for people to follow these rules to build trust in the Data Asset.



You can find out more about the National Disability Data Asset Charter on our website.

<https://www.ndda.gov.au/about-ndda/guiding-principles>

2. Is the data useful?



The data in the Data Asset should be useful.



There might be things that stop data from being useful.



For example, if the data hasn't been collected in the same way.

3. Does the data support new ideas and understanding?



People should think about if the data to include in the Data Asset can support new ideas and understanding.

For example, if the data will tell us about:



- how the lives of people with disability have improved



- the **human rights** of people with disability.



Human rights are rules about how people must treat you:

- fairly
- equally.

The data might also give us proof to help change:



- laws



- rules



- services



- research.

4. Is the data about a community?



Sometimes data might be about a certain community.



Communities should be included in decisions about if this data should be added to the Data Asset.

Who must use the data principles



Different groups must use the 4 principles.

This includes:



- the Data Asset team



- government agencies who manage and keep data safe



- the Council



- **panels.**

A panel is a group of people who give the Council advice.

When these groups use the principles, they will also need to think about:



- the National Disability Data Asset Charter



- the Council's goals for the Data Asset and what they want it to achieve.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.

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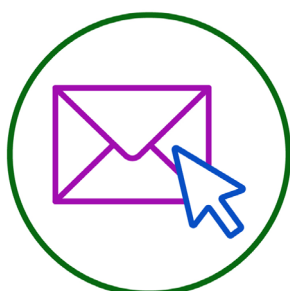


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