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| Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC)  VADC Bulletin 2024-25 |
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| **VADC Bulletins must be read in conjunction with the *VADC Data Specification*, available at** [VADC documentation - health vic](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/vadc-documentation) |

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# 1. VADC specifications for 2024-25

The VADC Data team is pleased to advise the following annual specifications are available at <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/vadc-documentation>:

* *VADC Data Specification 2024-25*
* *VADC Compilation and Submission Specification 2024-25*
* *VADC XSD Schema 2024-25*

These documents were circulated on 21 May 2024 to recipients subscribed to the VADC Bulletin email distribution list. If you have any questions about the VADC annual specifications for 2024-25, please email: [vadc\_data@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:vadc_data@health.vic.gov.au)

# 2. Correction to description for validation XML23

In Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules - Table 5.a Data Element edit/validation rules, of the *VADC Data Specification 2024-25*, XML23 validation rule description states:

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| **ID** | **XML Logic Description** | **XML Logic file description** |
| XML23 | Submission Reporting Period prior to cut off date.  Current cut off date >=01012024 and Reporting Period date <072023 | Reporting period is earlier than the annual cut off date. |

To reflect the change to the 2024-25 consolidation cut-off date, the logic description should read as follows:

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| **ID** | **XML Logic Description** | **XML Logic file description** |
| XML23 | Submission Reporting Period prior to cut off date.  Current cut off date >=01012025 and Reporting Period date <072024 | Reporting period is earlier than the annual cut off date. |

Please note the above update has been implemented in the VADC for 2024-25.

# 3. TEST July 2024 submissions open

The 2024-25 VADC annual changes have been deployed to the TEST environment.

Services can submit July 2024 files to TEST environment for automatic processing. To send a test file please name your file in the usual format and include \_test at the end of the file name (e.g. 999999999\_072024\_test), before uploading to your MFT folder.

NOTE: Financial year 2023-24 data can be submitted to TEST up until 31/12/2024.

# 4. LIVE July 2024 submissions open

The 2024-25 VADC annual changes have been deployed into the live/production system Services can now submit July 2024 files into LIVE/PRODUCTION. To send a file in LIVE/PRODUCTION please name the file in the usual format (e.g. 999999999\_072024).

NOTE: Financial year 2023-24 data can be submitted to LIVE/PRODUCTION up until 31/12/2024.

# 5. End of financial year transition reminder

Please do not artificially close service events on 30 June 2024 due to end of financial year. There is no requirement to end service events as part of end of financial year arrangements.

Service events should only be closed if there is appropriate clinical reasoning to close the service event, not because of end of financial year.

The only exception is for indirect AOD support activities.

**Important instructions for open indirect AOD support (service stream code 85):**

Indirect AOD support service events in financial year 2023-24 must be closed on the last date of an occurrence of an indirect AOD support activity on or before 30th of June 2024.

Details regarding how to handle service events spanning the two financial years are in Section 8 of the *VADC Compilation and Submission Specification 2024-25*available at <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/vadc-documentation>.

# 6. Submission deadline extension

A reminder the July 2024 data submission deadline (usually 15 August 2024) has been extended to 15 September 2024, to allow services to focus on completion and correction of 2023-2024 data. Please note August 2024 data will be due as usual on 15 September 2024.

# 7. Update to the AOD Indirect Support Guidelines

The department is updating the *Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) Support Activity (indirect support) trial phase 2 – guidelines,* formerly *Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines.* The new guidelines will be available shortly.

For further enquiries on the AOD Indirect Support Guidelines, please email [aod.enquiries@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:aod.enquiries@health.vic.gov.au)

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