



# Participation Data Specification Release Note

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The *Participation Data Specification* is a foundation document for the suite of data specifications that the Agency is developing for the Australian health informatics community across a range of health topics. These specifications are generally agreed to be high priority to standardise in order to achieve the benefits of semantic interoperability in the Australian healthcare setting.

Participations are a fundamental concept within the Agency's information model and are used extensively in Agency structured document templates and data specifications. Participations record context-specific information about relationships between participants and healthcare events. As such, participations are only meaningful within the context in which they are used; in other words, participation is not a standalone concept.

## Release rationale

Statements implying that government-issued identifiers, especially Medicare Card Numbers, can be used as participant identifiers have been removed to avoid potential conflict with Australian Privacy Principle 9.

This version of the specification has been rebranded to the Australian Digital Health Agency and updated to 2017 publication standards.

## Package inclusions

### Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version
DH-2497:2017	Participation Data Specification v3.3
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## Scope

A limited update to align with Australian Privacy Principle 9. All other changes are cosmetic in nature, to align with Agency branding and publication standards.

## Stakeholders

The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this release:

- Internal Agency staff

## Audience

This specification is intended primarily for software developers with an interest in developing Agency-specified clinical documents.

## Capabilities

The *Participation Data Specification* includes a detailed change log; however, the following is a summary of changes.

## Changes

In the *Participation Data Specification v3.3*:

- in Section 2.10 Participant Entity Identifier (was section 2.9 in v3.2), the statement implying that government-issued identifiers, especially Medicare Card Numbers, can be used as identifiers has been removed to avoid potential conflict with Australian Privacy Principle 9;
- numerous updates to rebrand the document with respect to the new Agency; and
- minor editorial changes throughout.

## Known issues

The *Participation Data Specification* contains a known issues appendix.

## Support

For further support or to provide feedback, please email [help@digitalhealth.gov.au](mailto:help@digitalhealth.gov.au)

## Previous releases

Please see page iii of the *Participation Data Specification* for a version history.

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