

NZHTS release note for June 2025

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This release note covers the monthly release of new content to the NZ Health Terminology Service (NZHTS) for June 2025.

NZHTS is the health sector's one-stop source of standard terminologies and code sets for high quality digital health records and interoperability. NZHTS is a free service, available to all New Zealand health entities and their industry partners. Explore and download the content you need.

Learn more about NZHTS and how to use it on our website and [Digital Services Hub](#).

Previously released content

Release date	New content
March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM)
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNOMED NZ Edition April 2024 release MedDRA 27.0 LOINC 2.77 NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) April 2024 release
May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVX vaccination codes Nutrition Care Process Terminology (NCPT) Nutrition Reference Set NZPOCS April 2024 release NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) May 2024 release
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZPS Observation Vaping Status Ethnicity code sets version 2.1.0 NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) June 2024 release
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language code system NHI language value set 99NZREL – Relationship concept mapping table NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) July 2024 release
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM) NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) August 2024 release Omaha System
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MedDRA version 27.1 NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) September 2024 release

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stats NZ classifications (Building Type, Central Product Classification, Country Code, Currency, Dwelling Type, Gender, Industry, Iwi and Iwi-Related Groups, Language)
October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNOMED NZ Edition October 2024 release LOINC 2.78 and NZPOCS October release NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) October 2024 release Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification system and Defined Daily Dose (DDD)
November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) November 2024 release Common code tables for use with the national collections
April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNOMED NZ Edition April 2025 release LOINC 2.80 MedDRA 28.0 National Occupation List NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) April 2025 release
May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOINC Ontology version 1.0 Domicile code Address Type Contact usage NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) May 2025 release

See our website for a list of the content released before March 2024.

New content this release

- ATC/DDD code system update for 2025
- NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) June 2025 release

ATC/DDD code system update for 2025

We have updated the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification system with Defined Daily Dose (DDD) code system in NZHTS.

Updates include:

- New ATC 5th level entries
- New ATC 3rd and 4th levels
- ATC level alterations
- ATC level name updates
- New Defined Daily Doses (DDDs)
- Alterations to existing DDD values

The ATC classification system is a tool used internationally for drug utilisation research, supporting the monitoring and improvement of medicine use. For more information refer to the [WHO ATC/DDD system purpose](#).

ATC code system

The ATC code system set has the canonical URI <http://www.whocc.no/atc>

Example query

Expand ATC/DDD ValueSet: [https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/\\$expand?&url=http://www.whocc.no/atc/vs&property=*](https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/$expand?&url=http://www.whocc.no/atc/vs&property=*)

NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) June 2025 release

NZMT is our standard terminology for medicines identification, underpinning the NZ Universal List of Medicines (NZULM) and New Zealand Formulary (NZF). We source NZMT data once per month from NZULM to enable NZHTS to serve simple NZMT code set lookups.

Refer to the [NZMT page on our website](#) for an overview of the NZMT concept model, value sets and example queries.

Upcoming releases

New content in following releases will include:

- NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) July 2025 release
- ACC translation table simple map reference set
- Orphacodes

Links

The FHIR API endpoint for NZHTS is <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir>. Browse to this endpoint to register as a service user.

To request an NZHTS API key email standards@tewhatuora.govt.nz

You can find all available NZHTS content listed here:

- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/CodeSystem>
- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet>
- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ConceptMap>

See our [Github repository](#) for examples of code set lookups using the API. We also have Postman collections to share.

Contact us

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