NZHTS release note for September 2025

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This release note covers the monthly release of new content to the NZ Health Terminology Service (NZHTS) for September 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 provided by Health NZ as a free service 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	• Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM)
April 2024	• SNOMED NZ Edition April 2024 release • MedDRA 27.0 • LOINC 2.77 • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) April 2024 release
May 2024	• CVX vaccination codes • Nutrition Care Process Terminology (NCPT) Nutrition Reference Set • NZPOCS April 2024 release • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) May 2024 release
June 2024	• NZPS Observation Vaping Status • Ethnicity code sets version 2.1.0 • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) June 2024 release
July 2024	• Language code system • NHI language value set • 99NZREL – Relationship concept mapping table • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) July 2024 release
August 2024	• Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM) • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) August 2024 release • Omaha System

September 2024	• MedDRA version 27.1 • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) September 2024 release • Stats NZ classifications (Building Type, Central Product Classification, Country Code, Currency, Dwelling Type, Gender, Industry, Iwi and Iwi-Related Groups, Language)
October 2024	• 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	• NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) November 2024 release • Common code tables for use with the national collections
April 2025	• SNOMED NZ Edition April 2025 release • LOINC 2.80 • MedDRA 28.0 • National Occupation List • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) April 2025 release
May 2025	• LOINC Ontology version 1.0 • Domicile code • Address Type • Contact usage • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) May 2025 release
June 2025	• ATC/DDD Code System update 2025 • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) June 2025 release
July 2025	• National Occupation List (NOL) 2.0 update • Iwi affiliation codes V2.1.0 update • Pharmacode with ATC information • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) July 2025 release
August 2025	• Referrals value sets • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) August 2025 release

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

New content this release

- LOINC 2.81
- NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) September 2025 release

LOINC 2.81

We have loaded the latest version of the LOINC code system for lab test result types.
Code system URI: https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/CodeSystem/LOINC-2.81

NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) September 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.

NZF has a fully featured FHIR API for access to NZULM/NZF content for prescribing and dispensing, medicine reconciliation and other more complex use cases.

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:

- SNOMED NZ Edition October 2025 release
- MedDRA 28.1
- NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) October 2025 release
- ACC translation table
- Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) code sets
- 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:

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- 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

Please email any enquiries to standards@tewhatuora.govt.nz or join the standards conversation at https://ehealthforum.nz.