




Timeline of the DATA Scheme's first 3 years

Date	Activity/Achievement
March 2022	Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022 passes in Australian Parliament.
April 2022	Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022 takes effect.
	Data Availability and Transparency Regulations 2022 take effect.
	National Data Commissioner appointed.
	National Data Advisory Council appointed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 appointment of Council Chair and 4 replacement appointments of Council members have been made as at 30 April 2025.The Council meets at least 3 times a year, with 10 meetings as at 30 April 2025.
	Data Inventories Pilot Program commences with 3 Australian Government agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none">44 Australian Government agencies complete the Program in June 2024.
	The DATA Scheme website launches.
March 2022	Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Act 2022 takes effect.
May 2022	Beta trial of Dataplace commences.
June 2022	Dataplace launches. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Applications open for Commonwealth, state, and territory government agencies to apply to become Accredited Data Users.
	First meeting of statutory National Data Advisory Council.
July 2022	The Minister for Finance assumes responsibility for the DAT Act and the Office of the National Data Commissioner joins the Department of Finance.
	Macquarie University is the first entity to onboard to Dataplace. <ul style="list-style-type: none">120 entities onboarded as at 30 April 2025.
	National Data Commissioner's first newsletter update published. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Named 'DataPoints' in July 2023.Published monthly with 31 issues as at 30 April 2025.
August 2022	Applications open for Australian universities to apply to become Accredited Data Users and for all eligible Scheme entities to apply to become Accredited Data Service Providers.
	First application for accreditation as a data user received.
September 2022	Data Availability and Transparency Transitional Rules 2022 take effect. <ul style="list-style-type: none">6 entities become Accredited Data Service Providers.An additional entity was transitioned to be an Accredited Data Service Provider in November 2023.
	Minister for Finance issues Statement of Expectations for the National Data Commissioner.
	First application for accreditation as a data service provider received.



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October 2022	Dataplace users can submit general requests to data custodians for data.
	The National Data Commissioner's 2021-22 Annual Report published.
November 2022	The Office of the National Data Commissioner's Regulatory Approach published.
December 2022	Data Availability and Transparency Code 2022 takes effect.
	Data Availability and Transparency (National Security Measures) Code 2022 takes effect.
	The National Data Commissioner responds to the Minister for Finance's expectations with a Statement of Intent .
January 2023	First guidance note published: Authorised Officers and Authorised Individuals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 guidance notes published as at 30 April 2025
February 2023	Dataplace users can generate general data sharing agreements using the platform.
March 2023	The first webinar series hosted by the Office of the National Data Commissioner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webinars are held twice or three times monthly, with 94 held as at 30 April 2025.
	Data User Accreditation Standard Operating Procedure approved.
	Guidance on preventing, preparing for, and responding to DATA Scheme breaches published. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 data breaches as at 30 April 2025.
May 2023	The Department of the Treasury is the first entity to be accredited as a data user. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 Accredited Data Users as at 30 April 2025.
June 2023	DATA Scheme Data Sharing Agreement service released on Dataplace.
August 2023	Guidance on reporting and handling complaints under the DATA Scheme published. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 DATA Scheme complaints received as at 30 April 2025. 16 complaints received (6 general and 10 other complaints) as at 30 April 2025.
October 2023	The National Data Commissioner's 2022-23 Annual Report published.
	Data Service Provider Accreditation Standard Operating Procedure approved.
	Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Transitional Rules 2022 takes effect.
December 2023	The Western Australian Department of Health accredited as a data service provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 Accredited Data Service Providers as at 30 April 2025.
May 2024	First Data Sharing Agreement is registered between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare sharing data to create the National Disability Data Asset. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Data Sharing Agreements under the DATA Scheme and 3 variations to Data Sharing Agreements as at 30 April 2025.
	DATA Scheme Working Group established.
	First annual Forum for DATA Scheme participants.



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June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">24 entities in attendance.
	Data Inventories Pilot Program concludes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">44 Australian Government agencies supported to develop their data inventories.
July 2024	Beta version of the Australian Government Data Catalogue is released and integrated into Dataplace. <ul style="list-style-type: none">56,000+ data records available and 22 agencies contributing directly as at 30 April 2025.
October 2024	The National Data Commissioner's 2023-24 Annual Report published.
	DATA Scheme Working Group concludes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Findings and actions.
January 2025	First advice issued by the National Data Commissioner at the request of the NDDA Commonwealth partners about using the DAT Act to authorise access to the National Disability Data Asset.
February 2025	Short form data sharing agreement template available.
March 2025	Process for DATA Scheme participants requesting tailored advice from the National Data Commissioner published on ONDC's website.
	Consultation on the Exposure Draft for Data Availability and Transparency Amendment Code opens. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Data sharing agreements to clearly state the rights and conditions for sharing state or territory data when it is shared through a data custodian.

