

NZHTS release note for March 2026

20 March 2026

This release note covers the monthly release of new content to the NZ Health Terminology Service (NZHTS) for March 2026.

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 NZHTS home page](#) and [Digital Services Hub](#).

Release date news

We are moving from two to three SNOMED NZ Edition releases this year to cater for all the new SNOMED content the sector is using.

- **Our next SNOMED release dates are 1 April 2026, 20 July 2026 and 20 October 2026**
- **Our NZHTS releases remain monthly, also moving to the 20th of the month.**

Previously released content

| Release date | New content |
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| 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 |
| June 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATC/DDD Code System update 2025 • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) June 2025 release |
| July 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Occupation List (NOL) 2.0 update • Iwi affiliation codes V2.1.0 update • Pharmacode with ATC information |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) July 2025 release |
| August 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referrals value sets NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) August 2025 release |
| September 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOINC 2.81 NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) September 2025 release |
| October 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNOMED NZ Edition October 2025 release MedDRA 28.1 NZPOCS October 2025 release NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) October 2025 release |
| November 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) November 2025 release ACC claim reference set CVX vaccination codes update |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) March 2026 release ACC eLodgements form value sets |

See our website for a list of the content released before April 2025.

New content this release

- MedDRA 29.0
- NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) March 2026 release
- National Occupation List (NOL) V3.0.0

MedDRA 29.0

We have loaded MedDRA version 29.0 and this is now available to users alongside previous versions 28.0.

Code system URI <http://terminology.hl7.org/CodeSystem/mdr-29-0>

Value set URI <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/meddra-code>

Example

query: [https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/\\$expand?url=https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/meddra-code&filter=Abdominal pain](https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/$expand?url=https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/meddra-code&filter=Abdominal%20pain)

NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) March 2026 release

NZMT is our standard terminology for medicines identification, underpinning the NZ Universal List of Medicines (NZULM).

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.

National Occupation List V3.0.0

The National Occupation List (NOL) is an independent New Zealand-focused occupation classification.

Comparable but tailored occupational classifications for Australia and New Zealand, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Stats NZ on 8 October 2024, indicates that while maintaining comparability with ABS, we have introduced our own tailored occupational statistical classifications.

For all the details, see [About the National Occupation List](#)

Example query:

[https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/\\$expand?url=https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/national-occupation-list](https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/$expand?url=https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/national-occupation-list)

Upcoming releases

New content in following releases will include:

- SNOMED NZ Edition April 2026 release
- NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) April 2026 release
- Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) code sets
- SNOMED reference set for rare disorders
- SNOMED NZ Edition July 2026 release
- SNOMED NZ Edition October 2026 release

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@tewhatauora.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.

Value set expansion helper for NZHTS – R user

This release introduces a reusable R utility for expanding ValueSets from the NZHTS FHIR Terminology Service.

- Automates token retrieval via OAuth2
- Handles large expansions using offset pagination
- Outputs tidy data frames ready for analytics
- Fully documented in our [GitHub repository](#)

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