



What is an admission?

Admission is the process whereby the hospital accepts responsibility for the patient's care and/or treatment. Admission follows a clinical decision based upon specified criteria that a patient requires same-day or overnight care or treatment.

(Sources [Queensland Health Data Dictionary 2021, Identifier: QH 040381](#) and Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC): Admission and Separation date/time).

An admission is also known as 'being admitted' or 'admitted', is comprised of date and time values and is collected via the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC).

An admission can be either:

- **formal admission:** an administrative process by which a hospital records the commencement of treatment and/or care and/or accommodation of a patient
- **statistical admission:** an administrative process by which a hospital records the commencement of a new episode of care, with a new care type, for a patient within one hospital stay.

An admission *cannot* be:

- a date and time after the related separation
- a date and time after a deceased date and time
- a date before the patient's date of birth
- a date and time before the patient arrives at the hospital.

Data definitions and further information can be found in the [Admission and Separation date/time information sheet](#) and the [QHAPDC Manual](#).

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