



# 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.

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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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