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Terms of Use

All Data Users are required to comply with the publication rules as outlined in **section 7 of the AEDC Data Guidelines**. This is to ensure that information derived from AEDC data is published in such a way that the integrity of the AEDC is not compromised by any inappropriate use and that data relating to individual children, teachers or schools is not disclosed.

It is the Data User’s responsibility to:

- ensure data is published in accordance with the publishing rules
- provide publications for review to **AEDC Support** 30 business days prior to submission for publication
- include the required **Publication disclaimer** in all proposed materials
- notify **AEDC Support** when the publications are released.

AEDC Publication Rules

When reporting the AEDC results, it is essential to maintain the confidentiality of all participating children, teachers and schools, and ensure the data is reliable and appropriately used. Particular care is needed in areas where small numbers of children have been included.

The AEDC publications rules apply to population groups at all geographical levels (e.g. community level and national level) and for demographic groups (e.g. Indigenous children).

The table below provides a summary of the key AEDC publication rules.

Confidentiality Rules	Summary of Rule
Non-disclosure of Adverse Information Rule	No data should be published which discloses adverse information about all members of a group.

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90 per cent Vulnerability Rule	Where 90 per cent or more of a population group is considered developmentally vulnerable in any domain or subdomain the number and percentage of children vulnerable should be grouped to '90 per cent and over'. This applies to Domain Indicators (developmentally vulnerable category) and Vulnerability Summary Indicators (DV1 and DV2).
Rule of Three	For all data that is not an AEDC indicator (i.e. data other than Domain Indicators and Vulnerability Summary Indicators), the lowest number that can be published is four. Where the number of children reported is below four, both the number and percentage (where applicable) should be suppressed and reported as ≤ 3 and the relevant percentage of children.
Two Teachers Rule	AEDC data for a community can only be published where the data was reported by two or more teachers.
Interpretability Rules	Summary of Rule
15 Valid AEDC Children Rule	When reporting AEDC results, the total population represented in AEDC indicator scores should include at least 15 children with valid AEDC data. Where there are less than 15 children in any domain, this should not be reported.
80 per cent Coverage Rule	In order to publish AEDC results for a group, 80 per cent of the surveyed population (i.e. the total number of children for whom an AvEDI was submitted, excluding special needs children) must have valid instruments.
ERP Rule	<p>When comparing AEDC data using Australian Bureau of Statistics' <i>Estimated Resident Populations</i> (ERP) of fouryearolds, the text below must be added as a footnote where comparisons present percentages in the brackets below (as ERP values may not be reliable at smaller population).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <60% of ERP - AEDC data collection is less than 60 per cent of the ABS four-year-old population. The AEDC may not accurately reflect the population of children; interpret with caution.

Interpretability Rules	Summary of Rule
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="576 365 1406 483">• <i>60-80% ERP</i> - AEDC data collection is greater than or equal to 60 per cent and less than 80 per cent of the ABS four-year-old population; interpret with caution.

Publication disclaimer

The following disclaimer must be included in all Publications using AEDC data:

“This [paper/project/research/report etc.] uses data from the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. The findings and views reported are those of the author and should not be attributed to the Department or the Australian Government.”

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