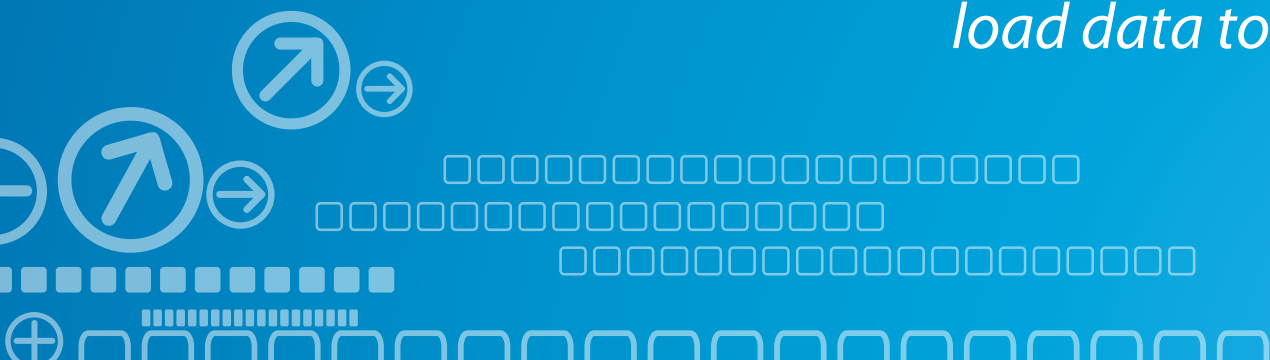




National Product Catalogue Fast Track Service

*Helping healthcare suppliers
load data to the NPC*



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NPC Fast Track

NPC Fast Track is a value-added GS1 Australia service that helps get businesses using the National Product Catalogue (NPC) with a minimum of fuss.

A dedicated GS1 Australia Professional Services Advisor will take you through the stages to ensure you are ready for data synchronisation in just a few days.

These stages include:

- › Preparing your NPC data
- › Populating your data into the NPC via the Browser Upload Service
- › Onsite NPC support, including training your staff

As part of the process, your product data is cleansed (gaps filled, inaccuracies in data content removed, new fields populated) and your data validated and loaded.

With your NPC Fast Track program complete, GS1 Services Support (including support for GS1net/NPC) will verify your catalogue data and report your company as NPC Ready or NPC Populated.

NPC Fast Track Program

The diagram below illustrates the broad process that will be followed for the Fast Track program:



The following activities will be undertaken during the project:

1. Implementation Checklist

The NPC Implementation Checklist will be provided, which at a high level identifies all the data you should have available, before the GS1 Professional Services Advisor visits you on site to commence the project. The GS1 Professional Services Advisor will contact you over the phone and go through this checklist with you and ensure you understand the data requirements.

2. Training & Education Workshop

This will deliver the necessary up-front training and education to ensure your team have a full understanding of the detailed NPC functionality, key concepts and data set. The training and education workshop will cover the following areas:

A. Online Activities / System Overview

- › Company profile – overview
- › Security access – overview
- › Company activities – overview
- › Data Load Status Reports – introduction to the concept
- › Cross-catalogue searching – introduction to the concept

B. Key Concepts for NPC

- › Trading partner data requirements
- › 2 and 3-level product packaging hierarchies
- › Catalogue publication/subscription procedure

C. NPC Data Set

- › Master data (static) fields – review and explanation
- › Master data - practical examples – typical 2 / 3-level hierarchy static data
- › Pricing - review and explanation
- › Pricing fields – practical examples – list price/trading terms/national vs. state or regional prices/all vs. customer-specific prices/temporary price reductions/price changes
- › Highlights of common data errors

D. Maintenance Training

Your assigned NPC co-ordinator will be trained in the maintenance of NPC.

3. NPC Product Range

The range of products you should populate onto the NPC will be identified.

4. Data Gap Analysis

A GS1 Professional Services Advisor will analyse the data from your internal systems to highlight any discrepancies between the data available in your systems and the requirements of the NPC.

Please note: The sourcing of data to fill identified gaps will be the responsibility of the client.

5. Advice on Technical Requirements and Use of Third-party Tools

The GS1 Professional Services Advisor can provide guidance about your choice of the most suitable upload method.

6. Data Cleansing and Validation

Once all the data for the selected NPC product range has been collected, the GS1 Professional Services Advisor will cleanse and validate all of the product and pricing data fields to ensure that your data meets the needs of your trading partners, and that it conforms to the NPC data quality standards and formats as defined in NPC Technical Guides.

The data cleansing exercise can be managed by GS1 Professional Services, however access to the relevant resources familiar with the product range from within your organisation will be required.

7. NPC Data Load

A GS1 Professional Services Advisor will perform the initial NPC data load using the Browser Upload Service and will review the Load Status Report to verify that the upload has been successful.

8. Online Activities

The GS1 Professional Services Advisor will also co-ordinate and undertake all of the required initial NPC on-line set-up activities. These would include publishing data to Trading Partners, setting up pricing relationships, updating company profiles and assigning user security access.

In conjunction with the GS1 Services Support team, the GS1 Professional Services Advisor will review the data to ensure that it is NPC compliant and provide feedback to make required modifications (if any). GS1 Services Support will perform the data validation tasks and the GS1 Professional Services Advisor will focus on issue resolution.

Once this has been achieved, if all your product and price data has been loaded, you will be signed off as NPC Ready. If only a subset of your product and price data is loaded then you will be presented as NPC Populated. Once either status is achieved, you will be presented to your trading partners to begin the process of data synchronisation.

9. NPC Maintenance Training

The GS1 Professional Services Advisor will provide training on the ongoing maintenance of your NPC data to ensure your company is able to sustain your NPC status on an ongoing basis.

Work Effort Estimates

GS1 is a not-for-profit organisation and as a result our fees are charged on a cost recovery basis. The fee schedule for GS1net/NPC is available on our website at

<http://www.gs1au.org/services/gs1net/fees.asp>

The following options are offered:

PROGRAM OPTIONS	
GTIN Range	Duration in days(c)
Less than 50	3+
50 to 100	4+
100 to 150	4-6+
More than 150	Contact us to discuss

GS1 Professional Services fees are calculated on a cost recovery basis only additional charges may apply based on upload method.

Please Note:

- Travel and living expenses apply outside Melbourne and Sydney metropolitan areas
- NPC Fast Track Programs are provided on a time and materials basis
- "Duration" is provided as an estimate only and based on GS1 Professional Services experience with other NPC projects.



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