

Summary of Data Specification changes for NFI 2026/27

The National Fraud Initiative (NFI) conducts a review of its data specifications before each exercise. While the NFI has kept modifications minimal, certain changes are essential to enhance the quality of matches and improve the overall matching process.

Dataset	Change
Blue Badges	No Change
Business Rates - FraudHub Only	No Change
Concessionary Travel	No Change
Council Tax	No Change
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	No Change
Electoral Register	No Change
Housing Tenants	Update to the required data to include any individuals aged 16 or 17 who hold a tenancy in their own right.
Housing Waiting List	No Change
Non Domestic Rates - Small Business Bonus Scheme - Scotland Only	This data specification has been added to GOV.UK for completeness.
Payroll	No Change
Pensions (including Deferred and Gratuity)	New field - "Added Years Flag" to capture where a pension includes added years or was granted on grounds of efficiency. Update to the supporting comments for the "Pension abatement flag" field.
Personal Budgets	No Change
Private Residential Care Home Residents	No Change
Residents Parking Permits	No Change
Right to Buy	No Change
Taxi Driver Licenses	No Change
Trade Creditors Payment History	Update to the requirements
Trade Creditors Standing Data	Update to the requirements