

## 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                                                      | Clarification on the requirements for telephone number and email address                                                                                                                                        |
| Business Rates - FraudHub Only                                   | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Concessionary Travel                                             | Clarification on the requirements for telephone number and email address                                                                                                                                        |
| Council Tax                                                      | To facilitate more accurate matching, the updated data specification mandates the inclusion of email addresses, Direct Debit details and mobile numbers where held.                                             |
| 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                                                          | Clarification on the requirements for telephone number and email address                                                                                                                                        |
| Pensions (including Deferred and Gratuity)                       | <b>New field</b> - "Added Years Flag" to capture where a pension includes added years or was granted on grounds of efficiency.<br><br>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                                        | Clarification on the requirements for telephone number and email address                                                                                                                                        |
| Right to Buy                                                     | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

|                                 |                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Taxi Driver Licenses            | Clarification on the requirements for telephone number and email address |
| Trade Creditors Payment History | Update to the requirements                                               |
| Trade Creditors Standing Data   | Update to the requirements                                               |

FINAL