

The Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) is undergoing changes to bring our national coordinates into line with satellite positioning systems, making it possible for smartphones and other positioning technologies to accurately align with features marked on our maps.

GDA2020 will replace GDA94 as Australia's national datum and any organisation that works with accurate spatial information or relies on location-positioning technologies needs to be aware of the change.

As the agency responsible for leading the transition to GDA2020 in Queensland, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines is currently considering how it can technically adopt GDA2020 within its current systems and a new future digital environment.

Surveyors can find out how the new datum will be implemented across Queensland by attending a GDA2020 presentation at one of the following events:

- 1. SSSI QLD Northern Group Conference 2017: 10-11 November (Townsville)
- 2. QLD Surveyors Online Webinar: 24 November, 10am-12pm.

The Department is also holding information sessions for spatial professionals and those from a non-surveying background:

Date	Location	Time
Thursday 2 November	Cairns	2pm-4pm
Wednesday 15 November	Mackay	1pm-3pm
Monday 4 December	Online webinar	1pm-3pm

To find out more about these sessions and the GDA2020 implementation for Queensland please email $\frac{qldgda2020@dnrm.qld.gov.au}{qldgda2020@dnrm.qld.gov.au}$ or phone 07 3330 4480.