

Recipient—blindness start date, MMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Blindness start date |
| METEOR identifier: | 647626 |
| Registration status: | Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Definition: | The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist, expressed as MMYYYY. |
| Data Element Concept: | Recipient—blindness start date |
| Value Domain: | Date MMYYYY |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Date |
| Data type: | Date/Time |
| Format: | MMYYYY |
| Maximum character length: | 6 |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | <p>This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: Recipient—blindness indicator, code A</p> <p>When determining permanent blindness for the purposes of the Age Pension or Disability Support Pension, the following guidelines are applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• corrected visual acuity on the Snellen Scale must be less than 6/60 in both eyes, or• constriction to within 10 degrees or less of arc of central fixation in the better eye, irrespective of corrected visual acuity, or• a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in the above points. |
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Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |
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Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | See also Recipient—blindness indicator, code A Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 |
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Implementation in Data Set [Disability Cluster](#)

Specifications:

[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a 'Yes' response to [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](#).

DSS specific information:

Blindness start date refers to the variable BLIND_START_DATE in the PIA research data set.