

# Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement date

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

**METEOR identifier:** 269687

**Registration status:**

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** The date on which the provision of housing assistance to a household by an agency commenced, as distinct from the date the household applies and is entered on the waiting list or assessed for eligibility.

**Context:** This metadata item is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance and for measuring various point in time data.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Housing assistance episode](#)

**Definition:** The period of contact for housing assistance, with defined dates of commencement and if completed cessation, between a person and a housing assistance agency.

**Specialisation of:** [Service episode](#)

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A housing assistance episode must have a commencement date. For completed episodes there must be a completion date. For ongoing assistance the completion is blank.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Housing Data Development Committee

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Assistance commencement date](#)

**Definition:** The date on which the provision of assistance commenced.

**Property group:** [Service provision event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

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**Submitting organisation:** National Housing Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Data Elements  
implementing this Data  
Element Concept:**

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- [Housing assistance](#), Retired 01/05/2013