

Income unit—Commonwealth government payment type

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Income unit—Commonwealth government payment type

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269695
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Retired 10/02/2006
Definition:	The type of benefit, pension or allowance that is received by the client or their partner.
Context:	<p>Used in the assessment of eligibility for Commonwealth rent assistance. This payment is available to recipients of income support payments except those receiving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Austudy; and• Youth allowance if the client is not entitled to the higher living away from home rate of payment. <p>This metadata item can also indicate the need and circumstances of individuals and is sometimes used in the assessment of income equity.</p>

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Income unit
Definition:	One person or a group of related persons within a household, whose command over income is shared, or any person living in a non private dwelling who is in receipt of personal income.
Context:	<p>Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/dependant who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only• a married couple only with no dependent children present• a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent/dependant relationship. <p>This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.</p>
Specialisation of:	Person/group of persons

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee
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Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Commonwealth government payment type
Definition:	A descriptor of the class of Commonwealth government income support.
Property group:	Financial characteristics

Data element concept attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services

Relational attributes

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

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