Income unit—Commonwealth government payment type

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 269695 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 10/02/2006 |
| Definition: | The type of benefit, pension or allowance that is received by the client or their partner. |
| Context: | Used in the assessment of eligibility for Commonwealth rent assistance. This payment is available to recipients of income support payments except those receiving:* Austudy; and
* Youth allowance if the client is not entitled to the higher living away from home rate of payment.

This metadata item can also indicate the need and circumstances of individuals and is sometimes used in the assessment of income equity. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Income unit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268986) |
| 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: | Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/[**dependant**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:* 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) relationship.

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. |
| Specialisation of: | [Person/group of persons](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/281123) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Commonwealth government payment type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269213) |
| Definition: | A descriptor of the class of Commonwealth government income support. |
| Property group: | [Financial characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274646) |

## Data element concept attributes

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services |

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Income unit—Commonwealth government payment type, code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270244)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 10/02/2006 |