Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Date assistance commenced |
| METEOR identifier: | 270233 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 01/05/2013 |
| 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. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269687) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The date recorded should be the date on which the client has begun to receive some form of assistance. This could be the provision of housing, a home loan, grants, advice or referral.  This metadata item should always be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if a housing assistance episode starts on July 1 2000 the Date assistance commenced should be recorded as 01072000. |
| Collection methods: | Date assistance commenced must be related to a particular housing assistance episode. For each separate housing assistance episode, a separate date assistance commenced should be recorded. Same address transfers, mutual exchanges and succession of tenancy of dwellings are not considered separate housing assistance episodes of assistance.  It should also be related to a particular program type (e.g. public rental housing, home purchase assistance).  For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections the *Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement date, DDMMYYYY* should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move in at a later date than this date. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Is re-engineered from  [Date assistance commenced, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273708)  (15.0 KB)  *No registration status* |