

# Estimated date flag code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Estimated date flag
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270909
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing whether any component of a reported date was estimated.
<b>Context:</b>	Provision of a date is often a mandatory requirement in data collections. However, at times, the actual date or part thereof is not known (e.g. date of birth or date of injury). This metadata item is designed to flag that part or parts of a date have been estimated (i.e. a date provided is based on an approximation of the date in question rather than reporting of the actual date). This metadata item may assist with <a href="#">record linkage</a> processes (for example when the date of birth is a component of the linkage key). Reporting that a date is estimated makes it possible to reduce underestimation of total service user numbers and overestimation of service users' ages.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Estimated
	2	Not estimated

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Collection Methods:</b>	This metadata item should be reported in conjunction with a reported date when any part of the date represents an estimate rather than the actual or known date.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Community Services Data Committee Standards Australia
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## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Is re-engineered from  <a href="#">Estimated date flag, version 1, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf</a> (14.5 KB) <i>No registration status</i>
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