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# Date assistance commenced

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHADD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000706                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHDAMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The date on which the provision of 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 data element is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance and for measuring various point in time data.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: DATE  
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY  
Minimum Size: 8  
Maximum Size: 8  
Data Domain: NOVAL              Valid date  
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 data element 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 service 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 service episode. For each separate service episode a separate 'Date of assistance commenced' should be recorded. Same address

transfers, mutual exchanges and succession of tenancy of dwellings are not considered separate episodes of assistance.

It should also be related to a particular Program type (eg. public rental housing, home purchase assistance, etc.)

Public housing only : The date assistance commenced should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move in at a later date than this date.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Date assistance completed version 1  
relates to the data element Program type version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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