

Child protection notification—investigation commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Investigation commencement date (child protection)
METEOR identifier:	316537
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The date an investigation began concerning a notification.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—investigation commencement date
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

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:	<p>This date should be recorded when the investigation commences by a departmental case worker after the contact assessment decision is made. How the investigation commences will vary. For some it will be a phone call, for others it will be a visit to the child and/or persons involved with the child.</p> <p>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 day 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 the investigation commenced on 1 July 2004, the date the investigation commenced should be recorded as 01072004. If the date is unknown, the date 01011900 should be provided</p>
Comments:	This is important to measure the length of time between the receipt of a contact and the commencement of an investigation. It is also used to measure the length of time of the investigation.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Child Protection and Support Services data group (NCPASS).
Origin:	Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Has been superseded by [Child protection notification—investigation
commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

**Implementation in Data Set
Specifications:**

[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and
substantiations NMDS \(July 2007\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and
substantiations NMDS pilot \(2008\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012