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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary] |
| Definition: | The date an investigation began concerning a notification. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Child protection notification—investigation commencement date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/316534)  |
| 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: | 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. 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 |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455361)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS (July 2007)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/314520)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 01/05/2008[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/367251)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Retired 06/02/2012 |