

# First collection date

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The following information is applicable to data set specifications only.

## Definition

First collection date is the date on which the collection of data for a particular data set specification was implemented for the first time.

## Obligation

Optional completion.

## Development rules

To specify the first collection date, select the relevant day, month and year from the drop down lists to indicate a fully formed date (i.e., 15 February 2006).

A data set specification should be approved as a standard on a date that is earlier than the date on which it is first collected.