

Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number N(9)A

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Centrelink customer reference number
Synonymous names:	CRN; Centrelink reference number
METEOR identifier:	369274
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 12/08/2008 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010
Definition:	A unique identifier allocated to a customer or organisation, or other item of interest.
Data Element Concept:	Person—government funding identifier
Value Domain:	Centrelink customer reference number identifier N(9)A

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	N(9)A
Maximum character length:	10

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This identifier is assigned by Centrelink. The CRN consists of nine digits and one alphabetic character, generated and validation by an internal Centrelink Algorithm.
Comments:	The Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) is a unique identifier assigned to people and certain organisations that have one or more recognised relationships with Centrelink. In most cases, these entities receive services provided by Centrelink. It is used by Centrelink as the primary key for a customer's record.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Centrelink.
Origin:	AS5017 Health Care Client Identification

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number {N(9)A} Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Has been superseded by Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number N(9)A Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2011 Homelessness , Superseded 01/05/2013 Housing assistance , Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Conditional obligation: Please note that in the SHS NMDS this item is dependent on the consent of the client.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation: Please note that in the SHS NMDS this item is dependent on the consent of the client.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the consent of the client.

DSS specific information:

The states and territories have agreed to include Centrelink customer reference numbers in the NMDS, however this information is not currently recorded as issues of confidentiality are yet to be resolved.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the consent of the client.

DSS specific information:

The states and territories have agreed to include Centrelink customer reference numbers in the NMDS, however this information is not currently recorded as issues of confidentiality are yet to be resolved.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the consent of the client.

DSS specific information:

The states and territories have agreed to include Centrelink customer reference numbers in the NMDS, however this information is not currently recorded as issues of confidentiality are yet to be resolved.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the consent of the client.

DSS specific information:

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