

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Centrelink customer reference number
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	CRN; Centrelink reference number
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	369274
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 12/08/2008</li><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 10/08/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Standard 23/08/2010</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	A unique identifier allocated to a customer or organisation, or other item of interest.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—government funding identifier</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This identifier is assigned by Centrelink. The CRN consists of nine digits and one alphabetic character, generated and validation by an internal Centrelink Algorithm.
<b>Comments:</b>	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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Centrelink.
<b>Origin:</b>	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Has been superseded by [Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number N\(9\)A](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 24/12/2018
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  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 2013-14Homelessness](#), 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 2014-15Homelessness](#), 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 2015-17Homelessness](#), 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 2017-19Homelessness](#), 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:**

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.