

# Person—service requested, homelessness code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Service requested
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	400408
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 10/08/2018 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 23/08/2010
<b>Definition:</b>	The service(s) requested by a person of a Specialist Homelessness Agency, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—services requested</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Homelessness services code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Short-term or emergency accommodation
	2	Other housing/accommodation
	3	General assistance and support
	4	Specialised services
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Short-term or emergency accommodation**

Assistance with accommodation in a refuge, a crisis shelter, or in emergency accommodation arranged in hotels, motels by a specialist homelessness agency.

**CODE 2 Other housing/accommodation**

Other housing/accommodation should be selected where a person is requiring assistance for any other form of housing or accommodation that is not short term or emergency accommodation. This may include assistance to access other forms of accommodation, such as medium term or transitional accommodation, or assistance to maintain their current form of housing/accommodation (i.e. prevent foreclosure on a mortgage, assistance with rental arrears, etc.).

**CODE 3 General assistance and support**

General assistance and support refers to a wide range of support provided by an agency worker that it is not a specialised service. That is, the support is provided without the expectation that the worker has completed formal, specialised training in that area of assistance. General assistance may cover a range of assistance from financial assistance/information, employment/training assistance, to assistance for domestic/family violence and family/relationship assistance. For a more comprehensive list of possible services see, Service activity - type of service activity.

**CODE 4 Specialised services**

Specialised services refer to assistance that can be provided only by a person with formal, specialised training in that area of assistance. Specialised services may range from Psychological/psychiatric services to Professional legal services (For a more comprehensive list of possible specialised services see, Service activity - type of service activity). Specialised services may be provided by agency workers, or may require an agency worker to assist the client in receiving external services.

**Collection methods:**

The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

'Please indicate the service(s) the person requires from your agency, from the list below.'

**Relational attributes****Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Person—service requested, homelessness code N 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

**DSS specific information:** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this Data Element is collected only for persons who have not received the services requested, that is, it is collected only for persons known as 'turnaways'.

[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

**DSS specific information:** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this Data Element is collected only for persons who have not received the services requested, that is, it is collected only for persons known as 'turnaways'.

[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 only collected for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received the requested

services or assessment.

**DSS specific information:**

This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 4 valid responses for this question.

[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 only collected for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received the requested services or assessment.

**DSS specific information:**

This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 4 valid responses for this question.

[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 only collected for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received the requested services or assessment.

**DSS specific information:**

This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 4 valid responses for this question.

[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 only collected for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received the requested services or assessment.

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This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 4 valid responses for this question.