Person—urgency of requested assistance, time period code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Urgency of requested assistance |
| METEOR identifier: | 400421 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 17/11/2010  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Definition: | The time period within which a person requires the assistance which has been requested, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Provides an indication of the urgency of need for people requesting services. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—urgency of requested assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400413) |
| Value Domain: | [Time period code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400419) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Within 24 hours |
|  | 2 | Between 24 and 48 hours |
|  | 3 | In 3-4 days |
|  | 4 | In 5-6 days |
|  | 5 | In 7-14 days |
|  | 6 | In more than two weeks |
|  | 7 | Don't know/not sure |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | If a person does not know or is unsure as to when they may need assistance select the code 7 'Don't know/unsure'.  Immediately is covered in code 1 'Within 24 hours'. |
| Collection methods: | The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:  'How long is it until you need assistance from this agency?' |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person—urgency of requested assistance, time period code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/692140)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/398238)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/508954)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/505626)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 26/08/2014  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), 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 collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 7) in the Standard.  [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/581255)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 24/11/2016  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), 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 collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 7) in the Standard.  [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/658005)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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 collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 7) in the Standard.  [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650006)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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.  ***DSS specific information:***  This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (Code 7) in the Standard. |