Person—new client indicator, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | New client indicator |
| Synonymous names: | Client; New; Indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 400548 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 17/11/2010  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 23/08/2010  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Definition: | Whether the person has been a client of this Agency before. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—new client indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400373) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not sure code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/401279) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
|  | 3 | Not sure |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | Permissible values for this data element are captured using the following question:  "Have you ever accessed or tried to access any services from this agency before?" |
| Relational attributes | |
| 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2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/398238)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***DSS specific information:*** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.  [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 [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013 ***DSS specific information:*** In the Specialist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 used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.  [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 item is only asked of clients. ***DSS specific information:*** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.  [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 item is only asked of clients. ***DSS specific information:*** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.  [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 item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.  [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 item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.  [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before. |