

# Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Formal referral source
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	401340
<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 , Superseded 10/08/2018 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 person, entity or agency responsible for the formal referral of a client to an agency, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Referral—referral source</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Source of referral homelessness code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
	1	Specialist Homelessness Agency/outreach worker
	2	Telephone/crisis referral agency
	3	Centrelink or employment service case worker
	4	Child protection agency
	5	Family and child support agency
	6	Hospital
	7	Mental health service
	8	Disability support service
	9	Drug and alcohol service
	10	Aged care service
	11	Social housing
	12	Youth or juvenile justice correctional centre
	13	Adult correctional facility
	14	Legal unit (including legal aid)
	15	School/other education institution
	16	Police
	17	Courts
	18	Immigration department or asylum seeker/refugee support service
	19	Other agency (government or non-government)
	20	Family and/or friends

	21	Other
	22	Don't know
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Only formal referrals are collected in this data element. The list of forms of referrals in the classification or value domain are regarded as formal referrals.  A formal referral is any form of verbal or written contact with the person, group or organisation from which the individual or group could be referred.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:  'From the referral list below please select one that represents the source of formal referral for this client.'

### Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Supersedes <a href="#">Referral—referral source, SAAP code N[N] Community Services (retired)</a> , Recorded 07/08/2007  Has been superseded by <a href="#">Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N] Homelessness</a> , Standard 10/08/2018
<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<p><a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2011</a>  <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 01/05/2013  <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 01/05/2013  <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2011</p> <p><a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2012-13</a>  <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 01/05/2013  <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 01/05/2013  <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2012  <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2013</p> <p><a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2013-14</a>  <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 26/08/2014  <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 26/08/2014  <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2013  <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2014  <b>Conditional obligation:</b> In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this item is only asked of clients.  <b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p>This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 22) in the Standard.</p> <p><a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2014-15</a>  <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 24/11/2016  <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 24/11/2016  <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2014  <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2015  <b>Conditional obligation:</b> In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this item is only asked of clients.  <b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this data element is collected at</p>

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

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**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

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