

Child protection notification—notification date, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Notification date
METEOR identifier:	455248
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016• Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The date on which a notification was made to the department responsible for child protection, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—notification date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Child protection notifications consist of reports made to an authorised department by persons or other bodies making allegations of child abuse or neglect, child maltreatment or harm to a child.

A notification can involve only one child; where it is claimed that two children have been abused or neglected, this is counted as two notifications, even if the children are from one family. Where there is more than one notification about the same 'event', this is counted as only one notification. Where there is more than one notification for a child in the reference period, but relating to different events (for instance, a different type of abuse or neglect or a different person believed responsible for the abuse or neglect), these notifications should be counted as separate notifications.

The notification date occurs on or before the 'date of notification assessment decision'.

Collection methods: The date should be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For day and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if the notification was made on 1 July 2004, the date should be recorded as 01072004.

When an estimate is required, all known fields should be entered (e.g. if year and month are known use 01MMYYYY; if the exact date is unknown but the reporting period to which it relates can be determined, use 0107YYYY).

If the date is not known and can't be estimated, record 01011900.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)
Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Child protection notification—contact date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

See also [Child protection notification—course of action, code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

See also [Child protection notification—investigation commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) DSS Pilot 2010 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 09/10/2014
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/04/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

DSS specific information:

This collection requires a non-standard format for this data item: DD/MM/YYYY.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

DSS specific information:

This collection requires a non-standard format for this data item: DD/MM/YYYY.

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2015–2022

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 3.0 (CC BY 3.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build upon this work. However, you must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder of the work in compliance with our attribution policy available at www.aihw.gov.au/copyright. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by3.0/au/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to the Head of the Communications, Media and Marketing Unit, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, GPO Box 570, Canberra ACT 2601.