

# Child protection notification—course of action decision date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Course of action decision date
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Date of notification assessment decision; Assessment decision date
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	455338
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which a decision was made about the course of action to take in response to a child protection notification, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child protection notification—course of action decision date</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This data element records the date the assessment decision was made by the departmental worker about the course of action to be taken (i.e. the level of intervention the department should provide) in response to a child protection notification.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	<p>This data element should always 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 assessment decision was made on 1 July 2004, the date should be recorded as 01072004.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>If the date is not known and can't be estimated, record 01011900.</p> <p>If it is not applicable to record a date (i.e. the assessment decision has not been made), record 01019999.</p>

**Comments:** This can be used to measure the length of time between when the decision regarding the level of involvement of the department was made and the commencement of the investigation.

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**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—assessment decision 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

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[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016  
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This collection requires a non-standard format for this data item: DD/MM/YYYY.

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