

Home purchase assistance DSS 2013-

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 596710

Registration status:

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

DSS type: Data Set Specification (DSS)

Scope: The Home Purchase Assistance Data Set Specification (HPA DSS) defines information relating to the provision of financial assistance to households to improve their access to home ownership and includes:

- direct lending (including government loans, shared equity loans and bridging loans)
- deposit assistance
- interest rate assistance
- mortgage relief
- other assistance grants.

The HPA DSS excludes:

- non-financial assistance (e.g. home purchase advisory and counselling services)
- home renovation/maintenance services
- sale to tenant programs
- any assistance that does not directly facilitate the purchase of a home
- relocation or start up assistance
- the provision of housing or any share of it
- any expense incurred in providing assistance to a household that is not the value of financial assistance received directly by the household (e.g. related administrative and operational costs associated with providing the home purchase assistance); and
- any aspect of a shared equity loan that is not direct lending, deposit assistance, interest rate assistance or mortgage relief.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: [Household](#), [Person](#), [Service event](#).

Collection methods: *National reporting arrangements*

State and territory housing authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) for national collection, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated

The reference period starts on 1 July and ends on 30 June each financial year. The reference period for this collection is the financial year for which the data were collected: 2013-14, 2014-15 and so forth. Data collection for each HPA DSS reference period includes records of assistance to households that:

- commenced receiving assistance in the current reference period
- commenced receiving an ongoing form of assistance in a previous financial year and continued to receive this assistance in the current reference period
- received a repayable form of assistance in a previous financial year for which repayable monies remained outstanding at the commencement of the current reference period.

Data qualifications:

- A separate record should be reported for each type of assistance provided to a household.
- A single record should be reported for each type of ongoing assistance provided to a household in the reference period, regardless of which financial year assistance commenced.
- For households that had monies outstanding on repayable assistance provided in a previous financial year and received no new assistance in the current reference period, the amount of assistance should be left blank, but the type of assistance received, payment type, and date assistance received should be reported.

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Comments: While approved as the national standard, some details are not presented in accordance with best practice standards for metadata published as national standards in METeOR. Improvements may be made to the presentation of the metadata in the future; however they will not affect the meaning of the metadata or the interpretation of data collected using the metadata.

Glossary items

Glossary terms that are relevant to this data set specification include:

[Household](#)

[Family](#)

[Assistance received](#)

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 \(AIHW\) 2014. Home purchase assistance data collection, jurisdiction and processing data manuals. Canberra: AIHW.](#)

Reference documents: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 1999. Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, 1999. ABS cat. no. 1200.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 6 February 2017, <http://www.abs.gov.au>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Home purchase assistance DSS 2012-13](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}	Mandatory	1
-	Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X[X(45)]	Mandatory	1
-	Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, address code AA[A]	Mandatory	1
-	Household—financial assistance amount received, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN	Conditional	1
-	Household—gross weekly income, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN	Conditional	1
-	Household—Indigenous status, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
-	Service event—assistance received date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Service event—assistance type, home purchase assistance code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Service event—payment type, home purchase assistance code N	Mandatory	1
-	Service provider organisation—household identifier, X[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
-	Service provider organisation—main applicant identifier, X[X(14)]	Conditional	1

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