

# Recipient—blindness start date, MMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Blindness start date
METEOR identifier:	647626
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist, expressed as MMYYYY.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Recipient—blindness start date</a>
METEOR identifier:	650343
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist.
Object class:	<a href="#">Recipient</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Blindness start date</a>

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Government Depart of Social Services
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## Value domain attributes

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Value domain:	<a href="#">Date MMYYYY</a>
METEOR identifier:	375189
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 19/09/2013 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 10/12/2009 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 01/05/2013 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 01/05/2013 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 06/05/2021
Definition:	The month of a particular year.

### Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	MMYYYY
Maximum character length:	6

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

### Guide for use:

This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](#)

When determining permanent blindness for the purposes of the Age Pension or Disability Support Pension, the following guidelines are applied:

- corrected visual acuity on the Snellen Scale must be less than 6/60 in both eyes, or
- constriction to within 10 degrees or less of arc of central fixation in the better eye, irrespective of corrected visual acuity, or
- a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in the above points.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Government Department of Social Services

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Disability Cluster](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018  
**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on a 'Yes' response to [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](#).

### **DSS specific information:**

Blindness start date refers to the variable BLIND\_START\_DATE in the PIA research data set.