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: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Definition: | The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist, expressed as MMYYYY. |

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| Data element concept attributes |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Data element concept: | [Recipient—blindness start date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650343)  |
| METEOR identifier: | 650343 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Definition: | The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist. |
| Object class: | [Recipient](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/645097) |
| Property: | [Blindness start date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650340) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Depart of Social Services |

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| Value domain attributes  |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Value domain: | [Date MMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/375189) |
| METEOR identifier: | 375189 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/12/2009[Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/05/2013[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/05/2013[National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 06/05/2021 |
| Definition: | The month of a particular year. |

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

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639240)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.
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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639240)       [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability Cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650608)       [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018***Conditional obligation:*** Conditional on a 'Yes' response to [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639240).***DSS specific information:*** Blindness start date refers to the variable BLIND\_START\_DATE in the PIA research data set. |