

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) , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist, expressed as MMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Recipient—blindness start date
Value Domain:	Date MMYYYY

Value domain attributes

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:	<p>This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: Recipient—blindness indicator, code A</p> <p>When determining permanent blindness for the purposes of the Age Pension or Disability Support Pension, the following guidelines are applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also Recipient—blindness indicator, code A Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018
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Implementation in Data Set [Disability Cluster](#)

Specifications:

[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.