

Children Cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	650587
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The Children Cluster defines information about recipients of Centrelink benefits who have children for whom they are eligible to receive a Family Tax Benefit (FTB) payment, a Double Orphan Pension or a Multiple Birth Allowance.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Recipient
Comments:	<p>Family Tax Benefit Part A or B</p> <p>A FTB payment is a two-part payment that helps with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for the payment a recipient must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have a dependent child (aged 0–15 years), or secondary student younger than 20 years of age who is not receiving a pension, payment or benefit such as Youth Allowance• provide care for the child for at least 35% of the time• meet an income test. <p>A young person aged 19 can be an FTB child up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, as long as they are in full-time secondary study.</p> <p>Double Orphan Pension</p> <p>The Double Orphan Pension is a payment to a recipient who cares for a child where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• both parents deceased, or• one parent is deceased and the other parent is: in prison for at least 10 years, or held on remand and charged with an offence that may be punishable by imprisonment for a term of at least 10 years, or in a psychiatric hospital or nursing home for an indefinite period of time, or uncontactable, that is, whose whereabouts are unknown, or• both parents live outside Australia or their whereabouts are unknown, and the child has been granted refugee status by the Australian Government, or admitted into Australia under a special humanitarian program approved by the Minister with portfolio responsibility and has not at any time lived in Australia with either or both parents.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Government Department of Social Services
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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Priority investment approach research DSS Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the recipient having dependent children.

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Recipient—family tax benefit child, total number N[N]	Conditional	1
2	Recipient—youngest family tax benefit child date of birth, MMYYYY	Conditional	1
3	Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N]	Conditional	1
4	Recipient—youngest regular care child date of birth, MMYYYY	Conditional	1
5	Recipient—Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator, yes/missing code A	Mandatory	1
6	Recipient—multiple birth indicator, yes/missing code A	Mandatory	1

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