

Children Cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	650587
Registration status:	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: **Family Tax Benefit Part A or B**

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:

- 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.

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.

Double Orphan Pension

The Double Orphan Pension is a payment to a recipient who cares for a child where:

- 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

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 obligation: Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit. DSS specific information: Number of Family Tax Benefit children refers to the variable NUM_FTB_CHILD in the PIA research data set. Up to 16 children may be recorded.	Conditional	1
2	Recipient—youngest family tax benefit child date of birth, MMYYYY Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit. DSS specific information: Youngest Family Tax Benefit child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST_FTB_CHD_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
3	Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N] Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time. DSS specific information: Number of regular care children refers to the variable NUM_RCC_CHILD in the PIA research data set. Up to 16 children may be recorded.	Conditional	1
4	Recipient—youngest regular care child date of birth, MMYYYY Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time. DSS specific information: Youngest regular care child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST_RCC_CHD_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
5	Recipient—Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator, yes/missing code A DSS specific information: Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator refers to the variable FTB_DOP_ELIG_IND in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
6	Recipient—multiple birth indicator, yes/missing code A	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Multiple birth indicator refers to the variable MUL_BIRTH_ELIG_IND in the PIA research data set.