

# Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 689064

**Registration status:** [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**DSS type:** National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

**Scope:** The Specialist Homelessness Services National Minimum Data Set (SHS NMDS) aims to provide quality information about people who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness and who are seeking services from specialist homelessness agencies.

This collection is intended to obtain information about clients receiving ongoing or short-term support, as well as people who are seeking assistance but did not receive any services. Data collection includes basic socio-demographic information and the services required by and provided to each client. Details about accompanying children are also recorded. Additionally, information is obtained about the client circumstances before, during and after receiving support.

The base unit of this collection is a person who presents to a Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) agency requesting a service or services. A person becomes a client once they receive a service or services. The period of time a client receives assistance from a SHS agency is commonly referred to as a support period. It relates to the provision of assistance and/or supported accommodation. A support period is considered finished when the relationship between the client and the agency ends or the client has reached their maximum amount of support.

During a support period there are, in most cases, a series of service episodes or assistance, other than supported accommodation, provided to the client by the SHS agency. For the purposes of the SHS NMDS, assistance also includes contact with a client, or work on behalf of a client.

The SHS NMDS has three 'views' for collection purposes, they are: Unassisted person, Client and Specialist homelessness agency.

An 'Unassisted person' in the context of this collection is any person who seeks assistance from an agency and is not successful in obtaining that assistance. A 'Client' is a person who receives services either directly or indirectly from an agency. A 'Specialist homelessness agency' is an organisation which receives government funding to deliver a specialist homelessness service to a client.

The SHS NMDS provides for information to be collected for each person who seeks services, irrespective of whether they are on their own or part of a family or other group. The 'Presenting unit' describes a single person or a group of people, and the relationship between members presenting for services. The 'Presenting unit head' describes a person in the 'Presenting unit' used to determine how people within the group are related.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** For jurisdictions who have high volume central intake or localised entry point agencies (for example Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory), data for unmet demand and unassisted requests for services are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

## Comments:

The 2011 SHS NMDS was developed to support the collection of data under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations for Homelessness. It replaced the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) collection from July 2011.

In 2008 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to reform federal financial relations to improve the quality and effectiveness of government services. These reforms led to the establishment of the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), which includes specific performance measures in relation to homelessness.

In conjunction with these reforms, the Australian Government initiated a comprehensive policy review, setting out a national approach to reducing homelessness in the White Paper: The Road Home, A National Approach to Reducing Homelessness.

The SHS NMDS 2019- continues to reflect the outcome based performance framework promoted by the COAG Reforms and White Paper. It supports the collection, analysis and reporting of client-based data. This allows for the production of statistical information about clients' circumstances, the assistance they receive and the outcomes that are achieved for them. This information can be used to inform policy design, evaluation, service improvement and monitoring of specialist homelessness services in Australia.

The collection has developed over time to provide improved information about clients of SHS agencies. Changes in 2013 provided for the collection of information about clients with disabilities. Following this, in 2017 changes enabled the collection of data about clients who are former or current members of the Australian Defence Force.

The SHS NMDS 2019- provides for further collection enhancements including:

- Data about family and domestic violence, for example services for victims and perpetrators of family and domestic violence.
- Improved data for identifying culturally and linguistically diverse clients.
- Scope to collect data for clients who are not male or female.
- Identification of clients who are receiving an agreed package of support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19 Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

See also [SAAP Administrative National Minimum Data Set \(NMDS\) Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2011

See also [Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, 2022-23: Quality Statement](#)  
[AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Standard 27/11/2023

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

**Seq** Metadata item  
**No.**

**Obligation** **Max**  
**occurs**

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services accommodation type and start/end date cluster</a>	Conditional	16
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	Clients may have start and end dates for each of the accommodation types provided during the collection month.		
	Multiple accommodation types, start dates and end dates may be entered. In a month of 31 days, up to 16 accommodation types, and related start dates or end dates are possible. The dates selected should be valid for the collection month (i.e. September the 30th is a valid date, but the 31st is not a valid date).		
1	<a href="#">Service event—supported accommodation type, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the SHS NMDS, the accommodation type Other supported accommodation (CODE 4) is not a valid permissible value.		
2	<a href="#">Service event—accommodation period start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the SHS NMDS accommodation end date may be asked for three types of accommodation: 1) Short term or emergency, 2) Medium term or transitional, and 3) Long term.		
	Clients may have breaks in accommodation, or shift between different types of accommodation. Clients may have multiple start and end dates for the various types of accommodation.		
3	<a href="#">Service event—accommodation period end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the SHS NMDS accommodation end date may be asked for three types of accommodation: 1) Short term or emergency, 2) Medium term or transitional, and 3) Long term.		
	Clients may have breaks in accommodation, or shift between different types of accommodation. Clients may have multiple start and end dates for the various types of accommodation.		
-	<a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services activity cluster</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.		
-	<a href="#">Client—needs assessment service activity outcome, code N</a>	Mandatory	54
-	<a href="#">Client—service activity type, homelessness code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	54

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-	<a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at presentation.		
-	<a href="#">Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Specialist Homelessness Services financial assistance type and amount cluster</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this cluster is collected at the end of the reporting period (for the current service episode only).		
-	<a href="#">Person—financial assistance amount, total Australian currency N[NNNN]</a>	Mandatory	5
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for the current service episode only. It relates specifically to assistance provided by the specialist homelessness agency and not assistance provided by any other source.		
	This item is repeated 5 times to capture the total amounts for the different types of financial assistance.		
	The client should provide dollar amounts for each type of assistance that was provided during the reference period (ie up to 5 valid responses).		
-	<a href="#">Person—financial assistance type, homelessness code N</a>	Mandatory	5
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for the current service episode only. It relates specifically to assistance provided by the specialist homelessness agency and not assistance provided by any other source.		
	The client may check all types of assistance that applied during the reference period (ie up to 5 valid responses).		

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-	<a href="#">Statistical linkage key 581 cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this cluster is collected at the date of presentation.		
	For the purposes of the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS the SLK of the Presenting Unit Head will be recorded on each their accompanying member's forms.		
1	<a href="#">Person—letters of family name, text XXX</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Person—letters of given name, text XX</a>	Mandatory	1
3	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
4	<a href="#">Person—sex, code X</a>	Mandatory	1
5	<a href="#">Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX</a>	Mandatory	1
6	<a href="#">Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	Where a date of birth is estimated the date accuracy indicator should be used.		
-	<a href="#">Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN</a>	Conditional	2
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.</li> </ul>		
-	<a href="#">Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X[X(45)]</a>	Conditional	2
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.</li> </ul>		

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-	<p data-bbox="231 168 933 190"><a href="#">Child—care arrangements, care and protection order code N[N]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 235 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 291 1157 403">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p data-bbox="263 436 1149 492">This data element is only collected for clients aged less than 18 years, who have a care and protection order.</p> <p data-bbox="263 526 566 548"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 571 1133 638">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 660 1157 873" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 896 845 929">Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p>	Conditional 4
-	<p data-bbox="231 1019 742 1041"><a href="#">Client—case management goal status, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1075 542 1097"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1131 1093 1187">Conditional on a Yes (Code 1) response to <a href="#">Client—case management plan indicator, yes/no code N</a>.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1220 566 1243"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1276 1133 1332">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the end of each reporting period, i.e. each calendar month.</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1400 853 1422"><a href="#">Client—case management plan indicator, yes/no code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1456 542 1478"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1512 1085 1568">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1601 566 1624"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1657 1133 1713">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the end of each reporting period, i.e. each calendar month.</p>	Conditional 1

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-	<a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  The data collected in the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS will be used for policy development and agency activity reporting in a non-identifiable form. This information will enable better placement of agency services and enhance service provision to clients of homelessness agencies	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Client—reason case management plan does not exist, code N</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is conditional on a response of No (Code 2) in the data element <a href="#">Client—case management plan indicator, yes/no code N</a> .  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the end of each reporting period, i.e. each calendar month.	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Client—reason case management plan does not exist, text A[A(49)]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is conditional on a response of Other (Code 8) for the data element <a href="#">Client—reason case management plan does not exist, code N</a> .  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the end of each reporting period, i.e. each calendar month.	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Person—Australian Defence Force indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only collected for clients aged 18 years and over.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.  This collection records a response of Don't know (Code 99) which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard. Where a client is aged less than 18 years a response of Not applicable (Code 0) may be used.	Conditional	1



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-	<p data-bbox="231 156 790 190"><a href="#">Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 224 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 280 1085 347">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 369 566 403"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 425 1125 481">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 504 1109 604" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.</li> </ul>	Conditional 2
-	<p data-bbox="231 660 694 694"><a href="#">Person—conditions of occupancy, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 716 542 750"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 772 1085 840">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 862 566 896"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 918 1133 974">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 996 1157 1220" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 1243 845 1276">Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1299 1141 1388">Please note that Leased tenure - nominated on lease (Code 1) - and Lease in place - not nominated on lease (Code 2) are only selected if a lease is in place. Codes 3 to 6 only apply if the person's name is not on a lease.</p>	Conditional 4
-	<p data-bbox="231 1444 805 1478"><a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1512 542 1545"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1568 1133 1635">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1657 1133 1747">This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1803 1109 1870"><a href="#">Person—first service request indicator, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1892 542 1926"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1948 1149 2072">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is only collected for turnaways. Turnaways are people who have not received any requested services or assessment. This data element is applied to an individual 24-hour reporting period.</p>	Conditional 1

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-	<a href="#">Person—formally diagnosed mental health condition indicator, yes/no/don't know/can't remember code N</a>	Conditional	1
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p>Evidence suggests that the longer persons with mental health problems are supported by specialist homelessness services, the more likely they are to move into public, or community housing or rental housing rather than return to rough sleeping. Access to a range of longer-term supports and community-based services will increase the early intervention and recovery support options for people who are homeless with a mental illness and substance abuse disorders.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Person—full-time/part-time status, code N</a>	Conditional	4
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients. This item is conditional on a response of Employed (Code 1) in the data element <a href="#">Person—labour force status, code N</a>.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p>This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number N(9)A</a>	Conditional	1
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the consent of the client.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>The states and territories have agreed to include Centrelink customer reference numbers in the NMDS, however this information is not currently recorded as issues of confidentiality are yet to be resolved.</p>		

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-	<a href="#">Person—housing tenure type, homelessness code N</a>	Conditional	4
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Conditional	1
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>		
-	<a href="#">Person—labour force status, code N</a>	Conditional	4
	<p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>).</li> </ul> <p>Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p>This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>		

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-	<p data-bbox="231 156 798 190"><a href="#">Person—living arrangement, homelessness code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 224 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 280 1085 347">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 369 566 403"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 425 1133 492">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 504 1157 728" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 750 845 784">Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p data-bbox="263 806 1149 873">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional	4
-	<p data-bbox="231 907 1117 974"><a href="#">Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 996 542 1030"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1052 1085 1120">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1142 566 1176"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1198 1133 1265">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1288 1085 1355">Where a client is without a home, record main language spoken other than English.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1377 1125 1444">This collection records the ABS classification supplementary code Not Stated (0002).</p>	Conditional	1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1489 1141 1556"><a href="#">Person—mental health services received indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1579 542 1612"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1635 1157 1758">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p data-bbox="263 1780 566 1814"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1836 1133 1904">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>	Conditional	1

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-	<p><a href="#">Person—mental health services received timeframe, code N</a></p> <p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p>This item is also conditional on the client responding to the data element <a href="#">Person—mental health services received indicator, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> with Yes (Code 1).</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>	Conditional	1
-	<p><a href="#">Person—new client indicator, code N</a></p> <p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is used to gain an idea of the 'trend of homelessness'. It does this by collecting data as to whether or not the presenting person has accessed a specialist homelessness agency before.</p>	Conditional	1
-	<p><a href="#">Person—number of people presenting, total N[N]</a></p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>	Mandatory	1
-	<p><a href="#">Person—participation in National Disability Insurance Scheme indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p>This collection records a response of Don't know (Code 99) which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional	1

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-	<p data-bbox="231 156 1173 190"><a href="#">Person—period of time since last permanent living place, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 224 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 280 1085 347">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 369 574 403"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 425 1133 492">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 515 1149 582">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 649 1173 683"><a href="#">Person—previously homeless status, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 716 542 750"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 772 1085 840">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 862 574 896"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 918 1157 985">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of twice (for the client):</p> <ul data-bbox="295 996 614 1064" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within the previous month</li> <li>• within the previous year.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 1086 1149 1153">If a client has indicated that they were homeless in the last month, then by default they should be recorded as homeless in the last 12 months.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1176 1125 1243">This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 3 valid responses for each instance of this question.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1265 1149 1332">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional 6
-	<p data-bbox="231 1377 1173 1444"><a href="#">Person—previously resided in institution/facility indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1467 542 1500"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1523 1157 1680">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation. This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p>	Conditional 1

- [Person—principal source of cash income, code NNNN](#)

Conditional 4

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

This data element reflects the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Sources of income standard variable. Consequently, the value domain definitions explicitly exclude anyone aged under 15.

If income information on children under 15 years is sought for the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS, these persons may also be asked the sources of income questions. However, if comparability with ABS collections is required, the SHS data can be filtered using the age data element to remove responses for children aged under 15.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:

- one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the date of presentation
- at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#))

Only one permissible value is selected in each case.

For the purposes of the SHS collection the following list is used which aggregates to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Sources of Income Classification.

**Government pensions and allowances**

Newstart allowance

Parenting payment

Disability support pension (Centrelink)

Youth allowance

Age pension

Austudy/Abstudy

DVA pension or payment

Sickness allowance

Carer allowance

Carer payment

Other government pensions and allowances

**Other sources of income**

Employee income

Unincorporated business income

Other income nec

Nil income

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	<p data-bbox="263 73 766 107">Not stated/not known/inadequately described</p> <p data-bbox="188 159 758 192">- <a href="#">Person—proficiency in spoken English, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 226 542 259"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 282 1157 461">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is conditional on the client speaking a language other than English at home. The data element <a href="#">Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]</a> must receive a response of Yes, other - please specify for this data to be collected. This data element is also only collected for clients aged 5 years and over.</p> <p data-bbox="263 490 1141 580">For clients who respond to the data element <a href="#">Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]</a> No, English only and for clients aged less than 5 a Not applicable response is recorded.</p> <p data-bbox="263 607 566 640"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 663 1133 719">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 748 1141 804">This collection records a response of Don't know (Code 99) which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p> <p data-bbox="263 833 1045 889">This collection records a response of Not applicable (Code 0) which is equivalent to the code Not applicable (Code 7) in the Standard.</p>	<p data-bbox="1189 159 1348 192">Conditional 1</p>
	<p data-bbox="188 954 965 987">- <a href="#">Person—reason for seeking assistance, homelessness code N[N]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1016 542 1050"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1072 1085 1128">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1158 566 1191"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1214 1133 1270">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1299 821 1332">This data element is collected twice (for the client):</p> <ul data-bbox="295 1355 1117 1422" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for all the presenting reasons for seeking assistance; and subsequently</li> <li>• for the main presenting reason for seeking assistance</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 1444 925 1478">In both cases the reasons are those nominated by the client.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1500 1085 1590">This question allows the client to check all responses that apply for all the presenting reasons for seeking assistance (up to 26 valid responses). The client should also select one main reason for seeking assistance.</p>	<p data-bbox="1189 954 1364 987">Conditional 27</p>
	<p data-bbox="188 1644 821 1677">- <a href="#">Person—reason for seeking assistance, text A[A(49)]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1706 542 1740"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1762 1133 1886">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation. This data element is conditional on the person responding with Other (Code 26), in the data element <a href="#">Person—reason for seeking assistance, homelessness code N[N]</a>.</p>	<p data-bbox="1189 1644 1348 1677">Conditional 1</p>



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-	<p><a href="#">Person—reason service not provided, code N[N]</a></p> <p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected only for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received any requested services or assessment.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>This question allows the person to check all responses that apply, and therefore the person may have up to 11 valid responses.</p>	Conditional	11
-	<p><a href="#">Person—registered/awaiting government payment indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is only collected for clients who report nil income (Code 17) in <a href="#">Person—principal source of cash income, code NNNN</a>.</p> <p>This question establishes whether clients may have applied for a government benefit, pension or allowance, but are still awaiting their first payment.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>This data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>).</li> </ul> <p>Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p>This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard</p>	Conditional	4
-	<p><a href="#">Person—relationship to the presenting unit head, code N[N]</a></p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>	Mandatory	1
-	<p><a href="#">Person—relationship to the presenting unit head, text A[A(49)]</a></p> <p><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>This data element is conditional on the person responding with Other relationship (Code 15), in the data element <a href="#">Person—relationship to the presenting unit head, code N[N]</a>.</p> <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>	Conditional	1

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-	<p data-bbox="231 156 630 190"><a href="#">Person—residential type, code N[N]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 224 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 280 1085 347">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 369 574 403"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 425 1133 492">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 504 1157 728" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>).</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 750 845 784">Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p data-bbox="263 806 1149 873">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 99) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional	4
-	<p data-bbox="231 985 869 1019"><a href="#">Person—school enrolment and attendance status, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1041 542 1075"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1097 1125 1198">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS this data element is collected for all clients from age 4 to 18 years (inclusive). This data element is not collected for children aged 4 years who have not started school.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1220 574 1254"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1276 1133 1344">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1366 1149 1433">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional	1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1478 798 1512"><a href="#">Person—service requested, homelessness code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1534 542 1568"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1590 1085 1691">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is only collected for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received any requested services.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1713 574 1747"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1769 1141 1836">This question allows the person to check all responses that apply, and therefore the person may have up to 5 valid responses for this question.</p>	Conditional	5

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-	<p data-bbox="231 156 933 190"><a href="#">Person—source of information on a mental health issue, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 224 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 280 1165 403">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a> must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p data-bbox="263 425 1165 526">It is also conditional on a response of Yes (Code 1) to <a href="#">Person—source of information on a mental health condition, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>.</p> <p data-bbox="263 548 574 582"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 604 1165 784">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation. This data element is collected from the perspective of the agency worker. The agency worker may answer this question based on their personal observations, or from information volunteered by the client. If the client does not agree to answer the questions which require consent, the agency worker will be unable to report this information.</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 862 973 929"><a href="#">Person—source of information on a mental health issue, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 963 542 996"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1019 1165 1142">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1)</p> <p data-bbox="263 1164 574 1198"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1220 1165 1288">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1332 566 1366"><a href="#">Person—student type, code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1400 542 1433"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1456 1165 1523">Conditional on responding to <a href="#">Person—student/employment training indicator, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> with a Yes (Code 1).</p> <p data-bbox="263 1545 574 1579"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1601 1165 1668">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 1691 1165 1904" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>).</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 1926 845 1960">Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1982 1165 2038">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional 4

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-	<p data-bbox="231 168 1173 224"><a href="#">Person—student/employment training indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 257 542 291"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 313 1085 369">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 403 574 436"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 459 1133 515">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:</p> <ul data-bbox="295 548 1157 750" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one week before the start of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the date of presentation</li> <li>• at the end of the reporting period (the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>)</li> <li>• at the end of the support period (the <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>).</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="263 784 845 817">Only one permissible value is selected in each case.</p> <p data-bbox="263 840 1149 896">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional	4
-	<p data-bbox="231 1019 1173 1052"><a href="#">Person—type of institution or facility previously resided in, code N[N]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1086 542 1120"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1142 1157 1254">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element <a href="#">Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N</a>, must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).</p> <p data-bbox="263 1288 1141 1377">This item is also conditional on a response of Yes (Code 1) in the data element <a href="#">Person—previously resided in institution/facility indicator, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1400 574 1433"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1456 1157 1601">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation. This data element refers to institutions or facilities the client may have been in during the last 12 months. This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 7 valid responses.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1635 877 1668">The value Other (Code 98) is not used by this collection.</p>	Conditional	7
-	<p data-bbox="231 1724 1173 1758"><a href="#">Person—urgency of requested assistance, time period code N</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1792 542 1825"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1848 1085 1937">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is only collected for 'turnaways'. Turnaways are people who have not received the requested services or assessment.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1960 574 1993"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 2016 1149 2072">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (Code 7) in the Standard.</p>	Conditional	1

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-	<p data-bbox="231 156 790 190"><a href="#">Person—year of first arrival in Australia, date YYYY</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 224 542 257"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 280 1109 369">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is ascertained for all clients who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.</p> <p data-bbox="263 392 574 425"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 448 1133 515">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 537 1093 604">The supplementary code Don't know (Code 9999) is used to process client data if a valid year of arrival is not provided.</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 660 869 694"><a href="#">Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N]</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 716 542 750"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 772 1133 840">In the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 862 574 896"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 918 1101 952">In the SHS NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="263 974 1149 1041">This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know (Code 23) in the Standard.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1064 1045 1097">The collection also records a response of No formal referral (Code 88).</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1187 790 1220"><a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1243 542 1276"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1299 1085 1366">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1388 574 1422"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1444 1157 1512">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS this data element is the support period end date.</p>	Conditional 1
-	<p data-bbox="231 1568 790 1601"><a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a></p> <p data-bbox="263 1624 542 1657"><b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1680 1085 1747">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.</p> <p data-bbox="263 1769 574 1803"><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="263 1825 1157 1892">In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS this data element is the support period start date.</p>	Conditional 1

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-	<a href="#">Service episode—reporting period, date MMYYYY</a>  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  This data element reflects the month that information was collected from the person. It is recorded for both clients and turnaways.	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service episode—service cessation reason, homelessness code N[N]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients if the support period has finished.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Unknown (Code 99) in the Standard.	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Service episode—service ongoing indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  The code Not stated/inadequately described (Code 9) is not used by this collection.	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Service event—assistance request date, DDMMYYYY</a>  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is relevant to 'turnaways' and clients. It captures the date on which a person sought assistance from a Specialist Homelessness Agency. This may not be the same date the assistance or service is received by the client.	Mandatory	1

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-	<a href="#">Service event—first service contact date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Conditional	1
<b>Conditional obligation:</b>			
In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.			
<b>DSS specific information:</b>			
In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for all clients.			
This data element is collected for the first service contact date within the reporting period. If the first service contact was also the start of the service episode, as recorded by the data element <a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a> , then the same date will be recorded for both data elements. If the service episode is ongoing but the service event is new, then the actual date of the new service event should be recorded.			
This data element should ascertain the actual date of service, not the date when the data is recorded.			
-	<a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Conditional	1
<b>Conditional obligation:</b>			
In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.			
<b>DSS specific information:</b>			
In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for all clients.			
This data element is collected for the last service provision date within the reporting period. If the last provision of a service was also the end of the service episode, as recorded by the data element <a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a> , then the same date will be recorded for both data elements.			
If the last provision of a service is not the end of the service episode (i.e. where other services continue to be provided) the actual date of the end of the service event should be recorded. However if the service event within the service episode is ongoing to the next reporting period, ie ongoing to the following month, then the <a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a> will be recorded as the last day of the current month.			
This data element should ascertain the actual date of service, not the date when the data is recorded.			
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