

# Person—urgency of requested assistance, time period code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Urgency of requested assistance
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	692140
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 10/08/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The time period within which a person requires the assistance which has been requested, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Provides an indication of the urgency of need for people requesting services.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—urgency of requested assistance</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Time period code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Within 24 hours
	2	Between 24 and 48 hours
	3	In 3-4 days
	4	In 5-6 days
	5	In 7-14 days
	6	In more than two weeks
	7	Don't know/not sure
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	If a person does not know or is not sure as to when they may need assistance select the code 7 'Don't know/unsure'.  Immediately is covered in code 1 'Within 24 hours'.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:  'How long is it until you need assistance from this agency?'

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [Person—urgency of requested assistance, time period code N  
Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 17/11/2010  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

**Implementation in Data Set  
Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2019-  
Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

***Conditional obligation:***

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.

***DSS specific information:***

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.