Person—urgency of requested assistance, time period code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Urgency of requested assistance |
| METEOR identifier: | 692140 |
| Registration status: | [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018 |
| Definition: | The time period within which a person requires the assistance which has been requested, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Provides an indication of the urgency of need for people requesting services. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—urgency of requested assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400413) |
| Value Domain: | [Time period code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400419) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 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 |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | 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'. |
| Collection methods: | 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400421)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 17/11/2010  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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. |