

Collection occasion—reference date, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Collection occasion reference date
METEOR identifier:	737720
Registration status:	Health , Standard 09/12/2022
Definition:	A relevant specified date relating to a collection occasion, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Collection occasion—reference date
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NMDS 2023-24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

DSS specific information:

For use in the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection (NOCC), this is the reference date for all data collected at any given collection occasion defined as the date on which the collection occasion (admission, review, or discharge) occurred.

The collection occasion date should be distinguished from the actual date of completion of individual measures that are required at the specific occasion. In practice, the various measures may be completed by clinicians and consumers over several days. For national reporting and statistical purposes, a single date is required which ties all the standardised measures and other data items together in a single collection occasion. The actual collection dates of the individual data items and standard measures may be collected locally but is not required in the national reporting extract.

For data collected at the beginning of an [episode of mental health care](#), the collection occasion date is referred to as the admission date. For data collected at end of an episode of mental health care, the collection occasion date is referred to as the discharge date. For data collected at review during an ongoing episode of mental health care, the collection occasion date is referred to as the review date.

A special requirement applies in the case of inpatient episodes to facilitate record matching with corresponding records collected under the [Admitted patient care NMDS 2023-24](#). For admission to inpatient episodes, the collection occasion date should be the date of admission as recorded in the NMDS data set. For discharge from inpatient episodes, the collection occasion date should be the date of separation as recorded in the NMDS data set.

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