

# Child—attendance reference period start date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Attendance reference period start date
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	792768
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Recorded 16/05/2024
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which an attendance reference period for a child started, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child—attendance reference period start date</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Education
<b>Origin:</b>	Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) 2021. Preschool Reform Agreement. Canberra: CFFR, viewed 4 August 2022 <a href="https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/preschool-reform-agreement">https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/preschool-reform-agreement</a>
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Australian Government (2018). National information agreement on early childhood education and care. Canberra: Australian Government

## Relational attributes

***DSS specific information:***

In the National Preschool Attendance Collection, this item collects the attendance reference period start date for all children in government school-based preschool programs and preschool programs within a CBDC should align with the jurisdiction's official school term.

The attendance reference period start date for children attending non-government school-based preschool programs may differ from the jurisdiction's official school term.

The start date of the attendance reference period is the Monday of the first week of the term where the child could have been enrolled. For example, if the term started on 29042024, but the child first attended on the 16052024, then the start date for the attendance reference period should be 29042024.

If no start date is known enter 01011900.

The jurisdiction should clearly indicate in supporting documentation, any estimated or imputed attendance reference period start dates.

Jurisdictions are only required to provide dates for the terms they are opting to provide data for. Term 2 data provision is mandatory.