

# Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Date assistance commenced
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270233
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Retired 01/05/2013
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which the provision of housing assistance to a household by an agency commenced, as distinct from the date the household applies and is entered on the waiting list or assessed for eligibility.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement 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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes


<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The date recorded should be the date on which the client has begun to receive some form of assistance. This could be the provision of housing, a home loan, grants, advice or referral.</p> <p>This metadata item should always be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if a housing assistance episode starts on July 1 2000 the Date assistance commenced should be recorded as 01072000.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	<p>Date assistance commenced must be related to a particular housing assistance episode. For each separate housing assistance episode, a separate date assistance commenced should be recorded. Same address transfers, mutual exchanges and succession of tenancy of dwellings are not considered separate housing assistance episodes of assistance.</p> <p>It should also be related to a particular program type (e.g. public rental housing, home purchase assistance).</p> <p>For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections the <i>Housing assistance episode—assistance commencement date, DDMMYYYY</i> should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move in at a later date than this date.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Housing Data Development Committee
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## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

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