

Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Formal referral source
METEOR identifier:	401340
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018
Definition:	The person, entity or agency responsible for the formal referral of a client to an agency, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral source
Value Domain:	Source of referral homelessness code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Specialist Homelessness Agency/outreach worker
	2	Telephone/crisis referral agency
	3	Centrelink or employment service case worker
	4	Child protection agency
	5	Family and child support agency
	6	Hospital
	7	Mental health service
	8	Disability support service
	9	Drug and alcohol service
	10	Aged care service
	11	Social housing
	12	Youth or juvenile justice correctional centre
	13	Adult correctional facility
	14	Legal unit (including legal aid)
	15	School/other education institution
	16	Police
	17	Courts
	18	Immigration department or asylum seeker/refugee support service
	19	Other agency (government or non-government)
	20	Family and/or friends

	21	Other
	22	Don't know
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Only formal referrals are collected in this data element. The list of forms of referrals in the classification or value domain are regarded as formal referrals.

A formal referral is any form of verbal or written contact with the person, group or organisation from which the individual or group could be referred.

Collection methods: The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

'From the referral list below please select one that represents the source of formal referral for this client.'

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Referral—referral source, SAAP code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 07/08/2007

Has been superseded by [Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N\[N\] Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011](#)
Homelessness, Superseded 01/05/2013
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13](#)
Homelessness, Superseded 01/05/2013
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14](#)
Homelessness, Superseded 26/08/2014
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation: In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 22) in the Standard.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15](#)
Homelessness, Superseded 24/11/2016
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation: In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

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the date of presentation.

This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 22) in the Standard.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](#)

Homelessness, Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19](#)

Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

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