

# Recipient—blindness start date, MMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Blindness start date
METEOR identifier:	647626
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The date upon which a recipient's blindness was diagnosed by an ophthalmologist, expressed as MMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Recipient—blindness start date</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Date MMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	MMYYYY
Maximum character length:	6

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: <a href="#">Recipient—blindness indicator, code A</a></p> <p>When determining permanent blindness for the purposes of the Age Pension or Disability Support Pension, the following guidelines are applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• corrected visual acuity on the Snellen Scale must be less than 6/60 in both eyes, or</li><li>• constriction to within 10 degrees or less of arc of central fixation in the better eye, irrespective of corrected visual acuity, or</li><li>• a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in the above points.</li></ul>
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## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Government Department of Social Services
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## Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also <a href="#">Recipient—blindness indicator, code A</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
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**Implementation in Data Set** [Disability Cluster](#)

**Specifications:**

[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on a 'Yes' response to [Recipient—blindness indicator, code A](#).

***DSS specific information:***

Blindness start date refers to the variable BLIND\_START\_DATE in the PIA research data set.