Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Episode start date
Synonymous names:	Service start date; Entry date; Support period start date; Date of effect; Date of entry; Order start date; Detention start date
METEOR identifier:	651687
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016
	Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018
	Disability, Standard 05/07/2019
Definition:	The date on which a service episode commenced, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Service episode—episode start date
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Due to the considerable variation in the types of services provided in the community services sector, it is not possible at this stage to define in generic terms what will constitute commencement of a service episode. Individual collections should however define what constitutes commencement for their own purposes. For example, it may be at contact stage in some instances or in others when a case plan is formulated.
Collection methods:	Date assistance commenced must be related to a particular service episode.
	For each separate service episode a separate episode start date should be recorded.
Comments:	This metadata item is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child Protection National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#)
	[Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 16/05/2006
	[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019
	[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
	[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Care and protection order (CPO) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016
[Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 10/10/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013
DSS specific information:

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[Care and protection order (CPO) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
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[Care and protection order (CPO) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families,](#) Superseded 20/04/2018
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[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)
[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019
Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this refers to the date on which a person began to receive support from a **[service type outlet](#)**.

A service is a support activity delivered to a person, in accord with the National Disability Agreement (NDA). Services within the scope of the collection are those for which funding has been provided, during the specified period, by a government organisation operating under the NDA.

A **[service user](#)** is considered to have started receiving a NDA service type ([Service type outlet—service activity type, NDA service type code N.NN](#)) once they have been judged as eligible for the service type and have actually received support within that service type. Support may include assessment processes once the service user has been accepted as eligible for the service type. However it does not include assessment where assessment is for eligibility or for a place on a waiting list. Support does not generally include requests for information or phone queries.

At times, an outlet may only provide the service user with one-off assistance. For example, a service user may only require respite care on one occasion. Where this assistance is funded under the NDA, the general rule is that all service users details should be recorded as required for that service type. If the service user is not expected to use the service outlet again, an exit date and appropriate main reason for service cessation should be reported.

Service users who commenced services after 1 October 2002, should have their

actual commencement date recorded (i.e. the date this service type was first received by the service user from the service type outlet).

Service users who commenced services prior to October 2002 should either be recorded as commencing the service type on:

- their known service start date, for example, a service user starting on 2 September 2002 may be recorded as 02092002;
- an estimate of their service start date by recording '0101' for the day and month and estimating the year. For example, if a service user has been receiving support from a service type outlet for about 5 years, the outlet would record the Service start date as 01011997'; or
- on 1 October 2002 (i.e. 01102002). This option is used if the start date is unknown or cannot be recorded for some other reason.

The service episode start date must relate to the service type outlet ID ([Service type outlet—outlet identifier, XX[X(26)]](#)) and associated service type ([Service type outlet—service activity type, NDA service type code N.NN](#)).

If a service user formally exits a service and then 're-enters' a service at a later date, a new period of service should be reported.

[Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](#)
        [Children and Families,](#) Standard 22/11/2016
        [Community Services (retired),](#) Recorded 10/10/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](#)
    [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
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 the support period start date.