

# Specialist Homelessness Services accommodation type and start/end date cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification  
**METEOR identifier:** 689319  
**Registration status:** [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018  
**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster  
**Scope:** The Specialist Homelessness Services accommodation type and start/end date cluster defines information on the accommodation provided to a client during a collection month and the commencement and cessation dates of supported accommodation.

The cluster collects:

- the type of accommodation (e.g. short term/emergency, medium term/transitional, or long term) the client was provided
- the date the accommodation period commenced (record the date in the format DDMMYYYY)
- the date the accommodation period ceased (record the date in the format DDMMYYYY).

**Table 1: Accommodation types by date**

	Accommodation calendar dates														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Etc.
Short term															
Medium term															
Long term															

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Record all the accommodation provided to a client during the reporting period (calendar month).  
Only one type of accommodation should be recorded per client for each night. If a client is marked down as staying in two different types of accommodation for the same date, it will be recorded as an error.  
If a client receives accommodation for the whole collection month, the first day of the month should be recorded as the start date, and the last valid calendar day for that month should be recorded as the end date.  
A separate period of accommodation should be recorded if the accommodation type changes during the reporting period — for example, if the client moves from short-term accommodation to long-term accommodation, then two accommodation periods are recorded.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Specialist Homelessness Services accommodation type and start/end date cluster](#)  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[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:**

Clients may have start and end dates for each of the accommodation types provided during the collection month.

Multiple accommodation types, start dates and end dates may be entered. In a month of 31 days, up to 16 accommodation types, and related start dates or end dates are possible. The dates selected should be valid for the collection month (i.e. September the 30th is a valid date, but the 31st is not a valid date).

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Service event—supported accommodation type, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the SHS NMDS, the accommodation type Other supported accommodation (CODE 4) is not a valid permissible value.		
2	<a href="#">Service event—accommodation period start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the SHS NMDS accommodation end date may be asked for three types of accommodation: 1) Short term or emergency, 2) Medium term or transitional, and 3) Long term.  Clients may have breaks in accommodation, or shift between different types of accommodation. Clients may have multiple start and end dates for the various types of accommodation.		
3	<a href="#">Service event—accommodation period end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>  In the SHS NMDS accommodation end date may be asked for three types of accommodation: 1) Short term or emergency, 2) Medium term or transitional, and 3) Long term.  Clients may have breaks in accommodation, or shift between different types of accommodation. Clients may have multiple start and end dates for the various types of accommodation.		