

Person—financial assistance type, homelessness code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Financial assistance type (homelessness)
METEOR identifier:	690176
Registration status:	Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	The type of financial assistance provided to a person by a specialist homelessness agency, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—financial assistance type
Value Domain:	Financial assistance type homelessness code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Payment for short term or emergency accommodation
	2	Payment for establishing/maintaining a tenancy
	3	Payment for training/education/employment
	4	Payment for accessing external specialist services
	5	Other payment

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

If the client presented as part of a couple and both clients benefitted, then record half of the amount on each client form if possible. If it is not possible to split this amount, record the whole amount only on one client's form. If vouchers are given instead of cash the value of the voucher is to be recorded.

This data element is collected in whole dollar amounts. If vouchers are given instead of cash, then record the value of the voucher. Record the value in Australian dollars.

The response definitions for this question are listed below.

CODE 1 Payment for short-term or emergency accommodation

- Includes emergency accommodation the agency arranged and paid for in places such as hotels, motels and caravan parks, where the agency does not have an ongoing arrangement to provide such accommodation.
- Excludes homelessness accommodation that is owned or directly managed by the specialist homelessness service, such as a refuge or crisis shelter. Does not include financial assistance for rent or other housing costs.

CODE 2 Payment for establishing/maintaining a tenancy

- Support aimed at finding long-term, independent housing, such as public housing, private rental accommodation, community housing or owner-occupied housing.
- Support to maintain a tenancy by assisting the client to meet rental payments or arrears, maintain property standards and/or organise their finances to meet rental payments.

CODE 3 Payment for training/education/employment

- Assistance to obtain a job and/or access to employment assistance programs.
- Assistance to access training programs.
- Assistance to access education or assist the client to remain in education.

CODE 4 Payment for accessing external specialist services

- Specialised services refer to those services which require knowledge or skills and are usually undertaken by someone with qualifications to provide the particular service.
- Only includes payments to access specialised services not provided by your agency.

CODE 5 Other payment

- Payments the agency made to, or on behalf of, the client which are not included in the categories above.

Data element attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—financial assistance type, homelessness code N Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Person—financial assistance amount, total Australian currency N\[NNNN\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 17/11/2010
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Specialist Homelessness Services financial assistance type and amount cluster Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for the current service episode only. It relates specifically to assistance provided by the specialist homelessness agency and not assistance provided by any other source.

The client may check all types of assistance that applied during the reference period (ie up to 5 valid responses).