

Person—religious affiliation

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269421
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 01/09/2016
Definition:	The religious group to which a person belongs or adheres.
Context:	In some circumstances this item can allow agencies to provide more culturally relevant services to some clients. It also provides a useful indicator of aspects of cultural diversity.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Person
Definition:	A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the <i>Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</i> and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) <i>Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</i> , which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.</i> Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
Reference documents:	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, Main+Features12016?OpenDocument">http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Religious affiliation
Definition:	An association or connection with a particular theology or spiritual belief.
Property group:	Demographic/social/cultural characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

**Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:**

[Person—religious affiliation, code \(ASCRG 1996\) N\[NNN\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 08/05/2006

[Person—religious affiliation, code \(ASCRG 2005\) N\[NNN\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 07/11/2012

[Person—religious affiliation, code \(ASCRG 2011\) N\[NNN\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016