

# Person—single name only flag, code A

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Single name only flag
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Single name only indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	618588
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a person's name has only one component, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—single name only flag</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Single name only flag code A</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	A	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	S	Single name
	M	Multiple names

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	If an individual has only one name, that name should be entered into the 'Family name' field and this flag recorded as 'S'.  This flag allows computer systems to accurately determine whether given name is missing or is never intended to be entered.
<b>Comments:</b>	If given name is blank when registration occurs, it should be confirmed whether the person has only one name component.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia.

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## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Person—family name, text X\[X\(39\)\]](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023  
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 07/04/2024  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Individual name cluster](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

#### ***DSS specific information:***

If given name is blank when registration occurs, this field should be asked.