

# Person—occupation (main)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

**METEOR identifier:** 269531

**Registration status:** [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/03/2007  
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/08/2007

**Definition:** The job in which the person is principally engaged. A job in any given establishment is a set of tasks designed to be performed by one individual in return for a wage or salary. For persons with more than one job, the main job is the one in which the person works the most hours.

## 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 *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* 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, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Occupation](#)

**Definition:** A descriptor of the class of job based on similarities in the tasks undertaken.

**Property group:** [Labour characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Person—occupation \(main\) \(housing assistance\) Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006

Has been superseded by [Person—occupation \(main\) Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/03/2007  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health](#), Standard 04/07/2007  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/08/2007

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

[Person—occupation \(main\), code \(ASCO 2nd edn\) N\[NNN\]{-NN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/03/2007  
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/08/2007