

# Person—date of birth

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<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269565
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**Definition:** The date of birth of the person.

**Context:** Required for a range of clinical and administrative purposes.

Date of birth enables derivation of age for use in demographic analyses, assists in the unique identification of clients if other identifying information is missing or in question, and may be required for the derivation of other metadata items (e.g. the diagnosis related group for admitted patients).

## 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>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Date of birth](#)

**Definition:** The date on which an individual was born.

**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:**

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- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005
- [Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
- [Health](#), Standard 04/05/2005
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 20/06/2005
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 31/08/2016
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

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- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
- [Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

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- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/05/2021

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- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2021

[Person—date of birth, prisoner health DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 25/05/2018

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- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2021