

# Person—Indigenous status

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

**METEOR identifier:** 269618

**Registration status:**

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 15/08/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 16/10/2017
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2016
- [WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014

**Definition:** Indigenous Status is a measure of whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is in accord with the first two of three components of the Commonwealth definition.

**Context:** Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples occupy a unique place in Australian society and culture. In the current climate of reconciliation, accurate and consistent statistics about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are needed in order to plan, promote and deliver essential services, to monitor changes in wellbeing and to account for government expenditure in this area. The purpose of this metadata item is to provide information about people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Agencies or establishments wishing to determine the eligibility of individuals for particular benefits, services or rights will need to make their own judgments about the suitability of the standard measure for these purposes, having regard to the specific eligibility criteria for the program concerned.

## 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:** [Indigenous status](#)

**Definition:** An indicator of identification as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

**Property group:** [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Person—Indigenous status](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
- [Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 19/11/2015
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Qualified 23/11/2015
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 16/10/2017
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Has been superseded by [Person—partner's Indigenous status](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

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

[Person—Indigenous status, code AAA](#)

- [WA Health](#), Standard 01/06/2017

[Person—Indigenous status, code AAA](#)

- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005
- [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 16/10/2017
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2016
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

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

[Person—Indigenous status, Housing assistance Indigenous status code N{.N}](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Retired 15/04/2010