

Person—preferred language

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269744
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Community Services (retired) , Standard 10/04/2006 Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018 Housing assistance , Standard 13/10/2011 Tasmanian Health , Standard 01/09/2016
Definition:	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication.
Context:	Health and welfare services: An important indicator of ethnicity, especially for persons born in non-English-speaking countries. Its collection will assist in the planning and provision of multilingual services and facilitate program and service delivery for migrants and other non-English speakers.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Person
METEOR identifier:	268955
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare , Qualified 17/01/2024 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005 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 , Standard 06/03/2014 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
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. *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

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Property: [Preferred language](#)

METEOR identifier: 269244

Registration status: [Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2006
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 13/10/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016

Definition: The language most preferred for communication.

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

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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