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Person—Indigenous community acceptance, code N{.N}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Indigenous community acceptance
Synonymous names: Indigenous community acceptance

METEOR identifier: 270170

Registration status: Housing assistance, Retired 10/02/2006

Data Element Concept: Person—Indigenous community acceptance

Value Domain: <u>Indigenous community acceptance code N{.N}</u>

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N{.N}

Maximum character length: 2

Value Meaning

Permissible values: 1 Accepted as Indigenous (not further defined)

1.1 Accepted as Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander
 1.2 Accepted as Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal
 1.3 Accepted as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

2 Not accepted as Indigenous

Supplementary values: 9 Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: South Sea Islanders are to be recorded in category 2 as per the explanation in the

comments.

Comments: This definition of the Indigenous status is based upon a decision made by the High

Court of Australia in Commonwealth v. Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.

There are three components to this definition:

1. Descent.

2. Self-classification.

3. Community acceptance.

There has been some controversy over the issue of whether South Sea Islanders need to be included in the definition of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The Australian Bureau of Statistics clearly states that South Sea Islanders are not Indigenous and should therefore be coded accordingly. Subsequently, South Sea Islanders are to be coded under category 2. Not accepted as Indigenous.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: This metadata item is generally only collected where there is a requirement to

legally identify persons as being Indigenous or not (such as where it is an eligibility

requirement for services).

The process and documentation required for proof of community acceptance will

depend on the requirements of the requesting agency.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

National Indigenous Housing Data Management Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (16.9 KB)

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