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

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 10/02/2006 |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—Indigenous community acceptance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269631) |
| Value Domain: | [Indigenous community acceptance code N{.N}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270746) |

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| 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  |

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| 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. |

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| 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 WelfareNational Indigenous Housing Data Management Group |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Is re-engineered from  [Indigenous community acceptance, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273682) (16.9 KB)       *No registration status* |