# Religious affiliation

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## Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: Version number: 1 000586

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration **NCSIMG** Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 01-SEP-03

Definition: The religious group to which a person belongs or adheres.

Context: Service provision:

> In some circumstances this item can allow agencies to deliver more culturally relevant services to some clients. It also provides a useful

indicator of aspects of cultural diversity.

### Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation NNNN

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: 1 Buddhism

> 2 Christianity 3 Hinduism 4 Islam 5 Judaism

6 Other religions 7 No religion

9 Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: Wherever possible, data should be collected, classified and stored

at the base or most detailed level of the classification. This allows the greatest flexibility for the output of data, enables more detailed and complex analyses, facilitates comparisons with

previous data using different classifications, and preserves

information that may prove historically useful.

Responses provided in statistical and administrative collections

do not always relate directly to classification categories. A coding index is therefore provided in the ABS publication of the ASCRG (Cat. No. 1266.0). This acts as a link between responses and the classification, enabling responses to be assigned accurately and quickly to the appropriate category of the classification.

Collection Methods: It is essential that where this question is asked, it be clearly marked

as optional.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Religious affiliation version 2

#### Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (ASCRG),

ABS Cat. No. 1266.0. Canberra: AGPS

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

#### Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Social-cultural characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element