

# Person—person identifier

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	287172
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 25/08/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 08/04/2013 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 04/05/2005 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 11/08/2014 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 01/09/2016 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	Person identifier unique within an establishment or agency.
<b>Context:</b>	This item could be used for editing at the agency, establishment or collection authority level and, potentially, for record linkage. There is no intention that this item would be available beyond collection authority level.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	268955
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023 <a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a> , Qualified 17/01/2024 <a href="#">Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board</a> , Standard 30/08/2022 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 21/05/2010 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 11/08/2014 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 31/08/2016 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 06/03/2014 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	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

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Person identifier](#)

**METEOR identifier:** 269369

**Registration status:** [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 08/04/2013  
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[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 01/09/2016  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

**Definition:** A sequence of characters which identify a person.

**Property group:** [Identifier characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National minimum data set working parties

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—person identifier \(within establishment/agency\)](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005  
[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

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

[Person—identifier, children's service worker identifier code N\[NN\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 21/05/2010

[Person—person identifier, \(child protection and support services\) NX\[X\(13\)\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

[Person—person identifier, child protection NX\[X\(11\)\]](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

[Person—person identifier, identifier \(Tasmanian\) N\(9\)](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016

[Person—person identifier, X\(8\)](#)  
[WA Health](#), Standard 01/06/2017

[Person—person identifier, X\(8\)](#)  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[Person—person identifier, X\[X\(19\)\]](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 29/08/2014

[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX\[X\(14\)\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 08/04/2013  
[Health](#), Standard 04/05/2005  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022