

# Person (income unit member)—relationship to reference person (income unit), code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Relationship within income unit
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	301840
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 30/08/2017</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The relationship of a member of an income unit to the reference person in that same income unit, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person (income unit member)—relationship to reference person (income unit)</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code										
<b>Data type:</b>	Number										
<b>Format:</b>	N										
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1										
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## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Income unit reference person is usually the main income recipient for the income unit. There can be more than one income unit per household, such as other family members, e.g. grandparents, aunt or uncle.

A dependant is defined as someone who lives in the primary care of parent(s), carer or guardian, is aged 24 years and under, and:

- is studying full-time (ages 5 and over); and/or
- is not in receipt of a pension, payment or benefit (e.g. Youth Allowance) or a Prescribed Education Scheme payment (e.g. ABSTUDY); and/or
- has an annual income of no more than the amount specified by Centrelink for basic eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part A.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Centrelink 2005. A guide to Australian Government payments-20 March to 30 June 2005.

## Data element attributes

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**Submitting organisation:** National Housing Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person \(income unit member\)—relationship to reference person \(income unit\), code N](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006

Has been superseded by [Income unit—relationship to household reference person, code N](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

See also [Income unit—income unit type, code N{,N}](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/03/2005

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Person \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

### *DSS specific information:*

In the Public Housing and SOMIH collections this item is not collected according to the standard. The data file includes persons aged 25 years and over in Code 4, which is a deviation from the standard and inconsistent with the definition of income unit.