

Person—reason for seeking assistance

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Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 15/09/2007
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Definition: The reason why a person seeks assistance.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Person](#)
Definition: A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: 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 *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

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](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Reason for seeking assistance](#)
Definition: The reason for seeking assistance.
Property group: [Service/care urgency](#)

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:

[Person—reason for seeking assistance, homelessness code N\[N\]](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Standard 24/11/2016

[Person—reason for seeking assistance, homelessness code N\[N\]](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Person—reason for seeking assistance, SAAP code N\[NN\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/08/2010

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- [Homelessness](#), Standard 01/05/2013
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013