

Smoking status cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	413060
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 28/04/2016
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	These data elements are used in conjunction with each other to determine the history and current smoking status of a person.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The Smoking status cluster comprises four data elements that, in combination, determine a person's current smoking status and history of tobacco use.

This is achieved by the combination of the four data elements: *Person—ever smoked a full cigarette indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N*; *Person—tobacco smoking start age, total years N[NN]*; *Person—current smoking status indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N* and *Person—tobacco smoking frequency, current tobacco smoking frequency code N*.

The Smoking status cluster describes the following information:

Data element		
Ever smoked a full cigarette	Yes	No
Tobacco smoking start age	N[NN]	N/A
Current smoking status	Yes/No	N/A
Tobacco smoking frequency	Code N	N/A

N/A is not applicable.

Collection methods: Information on a prison entrant's smoking status and history are collected at the reception assessment on the National Prisoner Health Census Prison Entrants form.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Smoking status cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

DSS specific information:

For the Prisoner Health DSS, this question is formed using the responses to 3 questions:

- a) Have you ever smoked a full cigarette?
- b) Do you smoke now?
- c) If you smoke now, which of the following best describes your current use of tobacco?
 I now smoke occasionally, but less than once a week
 I now smoke occasionally, not every day, but at least once a week
 I now smoke regularly, every day or most days.

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—ever smoked a full cigarette indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
2	Person—tobacco smoking start age, total years N[NN]	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person indicating that they have ever smoked a full cigarette.

DSS specific information:

In the Prisoner Health DSS 'tobacco smoking start age' refers to the age at which a person smoked their first full cigarette.

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Mean age at which prison entrants smoked their first full cigarette.

3	Person—current smoking status indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Conditional	1
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Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person indicating that they have ever smoked a full cigarette.

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report that they currently smoke tobacco.

This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element [Person—tobacco smoking frequency, current tobacco smoking frequency code N](#) to define a person's current smoking status.

4	Person—tobacco smoking frequency, current tobacco smoking frequency code N	Conditional	1
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Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the person indicating that they currently smoke.

