

# Person—sex, Tasmanian code A

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Sex
METEOR identifier:	442708
Registration status:	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 10/01/2018
Definition:	The biological distinction between male and female, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Person—sex</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Tasmanian sex code A</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	A	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	F	Female
	I	Intersex or indeterminate
	M	Male
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	N	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Diagnosis and procedure codes should be checked against the national ICD-10-AM sex edits, unless the person is undergoing, or has undergone a sex change or has a genetic condition resulting in a conflict between sex and ICD-10-AM code.</p> <p>CODE I   Intersex or indeterminate</p> <p>Persons who have mixed or non-binary biological characteristics (if known), or a non-binary sex assigned at birth.</p> <p>Terms such as 'indeterminate', 'intersex', 'non-binary', and 'unspecified' are variously used to describe the 'Other' category of sex. The label 'Other' is being used as a more descriptive term but has not been widely agreed within the general community.</p> <p>Sex refers to the chromosomal, gonadal and anatomical characteristics associated with biological sex. Where there is an inconsistency between anatomical and chromosomal characteristics, sex is based on anatomical characteristics.</p>
Comments:	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. <a href="#">Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</a> (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016.</p> <p>Attorney-General's Department 2015. <a href="#">Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</a>. Viewed 26 July 2016.</p>

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

### Collection methods:

Operationally, sex is the distinction between male and female, as reported by a person or as determined by an interviewer.

When collecting data on sex by personal interview, asking the sex of the respondent is usually unnecessary and may be inappropriate, or even offensive. It is usually a simple matter to infer the sex of the respondent through observation, or from other cues such as the relationship of the person(s) accompanying the respondent, or first name. The interviewer may ask whether persons not present at the interview are male or female.

A person's sex may change during their lifetime as a result of procedures known alternatively as sex change, gender reassignment, transsexual surgery, transgender reassignment or sexual reassignment. Throughout this process, which may be over a considerable period of time, the person's sex could be recorded as either Male or Female.

In data collections that use the ICD-10-AM classification, where sex change is the reason for admission, diagnoses should include the appropriate ICD-10-AM code(s) that clearly identify that the person is undergoing such a process. This code(s) would also be applicable after the person has completed such a process, if they have a procedure involving an organ(s) specific to their previous sex (e.g. where the patient has prostate or ovarian cancer).

**CODE I** Intersex or indeterminate

Is normally used for babies for whom sex has not been determined for whatever reason.

Should not generally be used on data collection forms completed by the respondent.

Should only be used if the person or respondent volunteers that the person is intersex or where it otherwise becomes clear during the collection process that the individual is neither male nor female.

**CODE N** Not stated/inadequately described

Is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

## Source and reference attributes

### Origin:

Australian Capital Territory 2003. Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003

### Reference documents:

Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003. See <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2003-14/20030328-4969/pdf/2003-14.pdf>.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Has been superseded by [Person—sex, Tasmanian code A](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2020

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care—diagnosis related group, code \(AR-DRG v 6.0x\) ANNA](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2016

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[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2016

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[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/09/2016

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[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 11/01/2018

**Implementation in Data Set  
Specifications:**

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/07/2017

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[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017](#)  
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