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# Relationship of carer to child code N[N]

# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

**METEOR identifier:** 456776

**Registration status:** Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016

Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011

**Definition:** A code set representing the relationship a carer has to a child.

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N[N]

Maximum character length: 2

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	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Grandparent
	2	Aunt or uncle
	3	Sibling
	4	Other relative
	5	Non-familial relationship
	6	Other Indigenous kinship relationship
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Grandparent

The carer is the biological/step/adoptive grandparent (i.e. the parent of either of the child's parents) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with grandparents.

CODE 2 Aunt or uncle

The carer is the biological/step/adoptive aunt or uncle (i.e. the sister or brother of either of the child's parents) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with aunts/uncles.

Relatives beyond first aunt/uncle are excluded.

CODE 3 Sibling

The carer is the biological/step/adoptive sibling (i.e. sister or brother) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with siblings.

CODE 4 Other relative

The carer is a biological/step/adoptive relative (excluding grandparent, aunt or uncle, or sibling) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with other relatives.

CODE 5 Non-familial relationship

The carer has a pre-existing relationship with, but is not a biological/step/adoptive relative of, the child under their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with carers who have a non-familial relationship to the child under their care.

CODE 6 Other Indigenous kinship relationship

The carer is the Indigenous kin of the child under their care (i.e. is a member of an Indigenous community who is accepted by that community as being related to the child).

Code 6 excludes Indigenous kinship placements with grandparents, aunts/uncles, siblings, other relatives and carers with a non-familial relationship to the child. These are reported under the above categories.

CODE 88 Other

Includes other relative/kinship relationships that do not fit into the above categories.

CODE 97 Not applicable

Should be recorded for non-relative and non-kin carers.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

Where the specific relationship of the relative/kin carer is unknown.

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national

minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AlHW.

## Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

Person—relationship of carer to child, code N[N]
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Person—relationship to reference person, relationship of carer to child code N[N]
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