

# Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parents, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Relationship to adoptive parents
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	468391
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 20/05/2013</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The pre-adoption relationship a person has to their adoptive parents, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parents</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:**

CODE 1 Step-parent

A step-parent is the spouse of the adopted child's natural parent or adoptive parent. Foster parents are not included in this category.

CODE 2 Relative(s)

This category includes any relative of the child, other than step-parents. For Indigenous children, 'relative' includes those related through kinship arrangements.

CODE 3 Carer

This category includes foster parents or other non-relatives who have been caring for the child and have had the responsibility for making decisions concerning the daily care and control of the child for the relevant period (as specified by the relevant state/territory department) before the adoption.

CODE 4 Other

'Other' includes children adopted by commissioning parent(s) (surrogate parents), whether the commissioning parent is a relative or not.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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## Data element attributes

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent\(s\), code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Adoptions DSS 2011-13 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2011

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2013

*Conditional obligation:*

Conditional on adoption type being a 'known' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2013-14 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 20/03/2014

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2013

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*Conditional obligation:*

Conditional on adoption type being a 'known' adoption.

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