

# Prison entrant—cause of distress unrelated to current imprisonment, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Cause of distress unrelated to current imprisonment
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	483801
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Qualified 24/02/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The cause of stress or concern of a prison entrant, unrelated to currently being in prison, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Prison entrant—cause of distress unrelated to current imprisonment</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code																		
<b>Data type:</b>	Number																		
<b>Format:</b>	N																		
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### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Multiple options may be selected

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element attributes

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**Comments:** Perceived psychological distress is a non-specific dimension of psychopathology and it indicates that something is wrong. It does not necessarily involve a mental illness or require services from the mental health system. However, cultural variations in experiencing and expressing the inner feelings and emotions have to be taken into account when interpreting the results (ECHIM 2008).

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