Person—family name prefix, text A[A(29)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Family name prefix
METEOR identifier:	520790
Registration status:	Health, Standard 05/10/2016
Definition:	A starting component of a person's family name, as represented by text. It is often an inherited honorific that has become part of the family name over time.
Data Element Concept:	Person—family name prefix
Value Domain:	Text A[A(29)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	A[A(29)]
Maximum character length:	30

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Where a person has a starting prefix to the family name, identification of that component as a prefix supports improved searching options in information systems.

Examples of a family name prefix include:

- von
- de
- ozy

Collection methods:

Record alphabetic characters, punctuation (for example, '-') and spaces only.

Hyphenated family names are not a part of a name prefix and should be recorded using Person—family name, text X[X(39)].

A name prefix precedes a family name in a display of the full name. Names which include punctuation, such as O'Brien, should not have the 'O' separated out as a prefix, but should be treated as a single family name.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also Person—family name prefix sequence number, code N[N]
Health, Standard 05/10/2016

See also Person—family name, text X[X(39)]
Aged Care, Standard 30/06/2023
Health, Standard 05/10/2016
Indigenous, Recorded 25/03/2024
Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Individual name cluster
Health, Standard 05/10/2016