

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 attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—family name prefix
METEOR identifier:	520787
Registration status:	Health , Standard 05/10/2016
Definition:	A starting component of a person's family name. It is often an inherited honorific that has become part of the family name over time.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Family name prefix

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.

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Text A[A(29)]
METEOR identifier:	270615
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 25/09/2005 Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Indigenous , Standard 21/11/2013
Definition:	A combination of alphabetic characters.

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.

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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](#), Standard 07/04/2024
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Individual name cluster Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016