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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Family name prefix |
| METEOR identifier: | 520790 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/520787) |
| Value Domain: | [Text A[A(29)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270615) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Text | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | A[A(29)] | |
| Maximum character length: | 30 | |



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| 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)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613331).  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]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/520826)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  See also [Person—family name, text X[X(39)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613331)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 07/04/2024  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 27/06/2017 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Individual name cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/528153)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |