

Person—name usage type, code X

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Name usage type
METEOR identifier:	521079
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Definition:	The type of name used by a person which enables differentiation between each recorded full name, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—name usage type

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code														
Data type:	String														
Format:	X														
Maximum character length:	1														
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Alternative Code:

L Registered or Reporting name (Legal name) (name registered with Births, Deaths and Marriages)

N Newborn name

B Professional or Business name

M Name at birth

T Tribal name

O Other name (alias)

CODE 1 Registered or Reporting name (Legal name) (name registered with Births, Deaths and Marriages)

The name by which the person is registered in an organisation—the formal name on registration documents (for example, the name on a Medicare card or the name in which health insurance is registered). This might also be the principal name associated with the national Individual Healthcare Identifier or Healthcare Provider Identifier. This may or may not be the preferred name. This code includes name changes, for example as a result of marriage. This code does not include the name recorded on a formal birth certificate, for which Code 5 is used.

CODE 3 Newborn name

Used in all Australian hospitals as the name by which a newborn is registered. This is used as the parents may not yet have chosen a name, or may change their minds before the birth is registered with Births, Deaths and Marriages. During the birth episode of care the name is not changed, though the intended actual name can be added to the individual's name records during that time. It acts as a temporary name until an actual name is available, at which time it is no longer used. The name has special structures which should be taken into account when developing computer search algorithms, and it is for this reason that this is considered a separate type of name.

CODE 4 Professional or Business name

The name used by the person for business or professional purposes.

CODE 5 Name at birth

A person's name recorded on a formal birth certificate.

CODE 8 Other name (alias)

Any other name that a person is also known by, or has been known by in the past; that is, all other names. This includes misspelled names or name variations that are to be retained as they have been used to identify this person. If a person prefers to be known by a name other than their registered name, such a name would be recorded as an Other Name. More than one other name may be recorded for a person.

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.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The make up of a person's full name is described in the scope, guide for use, and collection methods in the [Individual name cluster](#).

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—name usage type, code AAA](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Incomplete 11/04/2013

See also [Person—family name, text X\[X\(39\)\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 02/01/2019
- [Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Incomplete 07/09/2022
- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
- [Indigenous](#), Candidate 30/05/2018
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

See also [Person—given name, text X\[X\(39\)\]](#)

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- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Individual name cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

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