

Person—marital status, code AAA

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Patient marital status code
Synonymous names:	PER_MARITAL_STATUS_CODE
METEOR identifier:	562141
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

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Data element concept:	Person—marital status
METEOR identifier:	269533
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACT Health (retired), Candidate 09/08/2018• Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018• Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Health, Standard 01/03/2005• Housing assistance, Standard 10/02/2006• Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Qualified 23/11/2015• Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/09/2016• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage.
Context:	<p>Marital status is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. Its main purpose is analysis of the association of marital status with the need for and use of services, and for epidemiological analysis.</p> <p>Marital status also acts as an indicator for the level of support adult recipients of the welfare system have at home. The item is also used in comparisons of administrative data and population censuses and surveys.</p>
Object class:	Person
Property:	Marital status

Value domain attributes

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Value domain: [Marital status code AAA](#)
METEOR identifier: 562127
Registration status:

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Definition: A set of alphabetic characters that represents the marital status of a person.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: AAA

Maximum character length: 3

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
DEF	De facto
DIV	Divorced
MAR	Married
NMA	Never married
SEP	Separated
WID	Widowed

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
NSP	Not specified
UNK	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Code DEF (De facto)

This code should generally be accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including those of the same sex.

Code MAR (Married)

This code also includes people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married.

Code SEP (Separated)

This code refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto relationships.

Code WID (Widowed)

This code usually refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto relationships.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

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