Person—Indigenous status, code AAA

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Patient Indigenous status code |
| Synonymous names: | PER\_INDIGENOUS\_STATUS\_CODE; INDIGENOUS\_STATUS |
| METEOR identifier: | 562180 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | The code that represents whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.This is in accordance with the first two of three components of the Commonwealth definition. |

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| Data element concept attributes |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Data element concept: | [Person—Indigenous status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269618) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269618 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 01/03/2005[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 01/11/2012[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 06/03/2014[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/11/2015[Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 29/02/2016[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 01/09/2016[Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017[Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 16/10/2017[Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 24/07/2018[Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018[Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Qualified 22/12/2022 |
| Definition: | Indigenous Status is a measure of whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is in accord with the first two of three components of the Commonwealth definition. |
| Context: | Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples occupy a unique place in Australian society and culture. In the current climate of reconciliation, accurate and consistent statistics about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are needed in order to plan, promote and deliver essential services, to monitor changes in wellbeing and to account for government expenditure in this area. The purpose of this metadata item is to provide information about people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Agencies or establishments wishing to determine the eligibility of individuals for particular benefits, services or rights will need to make their own judgments about the suitability of the standard measure for these purposes, having regard to the specific eligibility criteria for the program concerned. |
| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Property: | [Indigenous status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269161) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Value domain attributes  |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Value domain: | [Indigenous status code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/562177) |
| METEOR identifier: | 562177 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A set of alphabetic characters that represents whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | AAA |
| Maximum character length: | 3 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | ABG | Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander  |
|   | ABT | Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  |
|   | TSI | Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal  |
| Supplementary values: | OTH | Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander  |
|   | NSP | Not specified |
|   | UNK  | Unknown  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Collection methods: | The classification for Indigenous status has a hierarchical structure comprising two levels. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are grouped into two categories at the broad level. The classification is as follows:Indigenous:* Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander
* Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal
* Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Non-Indigenous:* Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander.

This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting, using the data element:[Person-Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291036) Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes:

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|  **Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)**  | **National codes**  |
| ABG Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander | 1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin |
| TSI Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal | 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin |
| ABT Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | 3 Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin |
| OTH Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander | 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin |
| NSP Not specifiedUNK Unknown | 9 Not stated/inadequately described |

  The synonymous name PER\_INDIGENOUS\_STATUS\_CODE is used for local reporting purposes.The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name INDIGENOUS\_STATUS. |
| Comments: | The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of Commonwealth v Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:* descent
* self-identification
* community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | National Health Data CommitteeNational Community Services Data Committee |
| Reference documents: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. [Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Cultural Diversity Variables](http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs%40.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/204de801c48453e4ca25697e0018fe46%21OpenDocument), Canberra. Viewed 3 August 2005. |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person—Indigenous status, code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/675163)[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/490816)[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015***DSS specific information:*** This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:[Non-admitted patient DSS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509071)[Activity based funding: Non-admitted patient care DSS 2013-2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509071) It is reported nationally using the data element:[Person-Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291036)[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/605977)[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 24/04/2015***DSS specific information:*** This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:[Non-admitted patient DSS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/548176) It is reported nationally using the data element:[Person-Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291036) |