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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Identifier designation |
| METEOR identifier: | 612730 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |
| Definition: | An alphanumeric identifier, allocated by an organisation or individual provider that is used to uniquely identify an entity, as represented by text. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Identifier—identifier designation](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612739) |
| Value Domain: | [Text X[X(19)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/310424) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Text | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | X[X(19)] | |
| Maximum character length: | 20 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | The Australian Standard for Person and provider identification in healthcare (AS 4846:2014) outlines the following principles of identifiers in healthcare:  Principle A: Identifiers shall be unique to a purpose and often to a person or organisation, although family group identifiers exist and are unique to the family.  Principle B: Identifiers shall not be recycled or reused.  Principle C: Each person or organisation should have a single active identifier from a given issuer for a specific usage at any given point in time.  The combination of 3 identifier data elements—Identifier designation, [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612705) and [Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519499)—uniquely identify an entity for a specific purpose, and is known as a globally unique identifier. |
| 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: | Supersedes [Identifier—identifier designation, text X[X(19)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466235)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 06/02/2012  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  See also [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612705)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  See also [Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519499)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Healthcare provider organisation cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/529509)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  [Identification in healthcare cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/611321)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |