

# Person—family name

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

**METEOR identifier:** 613333

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

**Definition:** The name a person has in common with some other members of their family. It is often hereditary, and is distinguished from that person's first given name.

**Context:** Administrative purposes and individual identification.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Person](#)

**Definition:** A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd

**Reference documents:** Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>

ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Family name](#)

**Definition:** A designation for a family.

**Property group:** [Name characteristics](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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**Reference documents:** Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person \(name\)—family name](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 28/07/2005
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

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

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 02/01/2019
- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
- [Indigenous](#), Candidate 30/05/2018
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017