

Person—single name only flag, code A

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Single name only flag |
| Synonymous names: | Single name only indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 618588 |
| Registration status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 05/10/2016 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a person's name has only one component, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | Person—single name only flag |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

| Representation class: | Code | | | | | | |
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| Data type: | String | | | | | | |
| Format: | A | | | | | | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | | | | | | |
| Permissible values: | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>S</td><td>Single name</td></tr><tr><td>M</td><td>Multiple names</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | S | Single name | M | Multiple names |
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Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | <p>If an individual has only one name, that name should be entered into the 'Family name' field and this flag recorded as 'S'.</p> <p>This flag allows computer systems to accurately determine whether given name is missing or is never intended to be entered.</p> |
| Comments: | <p>If given name is blank when registration occurs, it should be confirmed whether the person has only one name component.</p> |

Source and reference attributes

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| 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. |

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: 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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

DSS specific information:

If given name is blank when registration occurs, this field should be asked.