

Person—mother's original family name, text X[X(39)]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Mother's original family name
Synonymous names:	Mother's maiden name; Mother's family name; Mother's surname; Mother's last name; Mother's family name at birth
METEOR identifier:	635340
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 05/10/2016
Definition:	The original family name of the person's mother as reported by the person, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Person—mother's original family name

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(39)]
Maximum character length:	40

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Mixed case should be used (rather than upper case only). Where a person has a starting prefix to the family name, identification of that component as a prefix supports improved searching options in information systems. Examples of a family name prefix include: von, de, ozy.
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Collection methods: Family name should be recorded in the format preferred by the person. The format should be the same as that written by the person on a (pre) registration form or in the same format as that printed on an identification card, such as a Medicare card, to ensure consistent collection of name data.

Punctuation

If special characters form part of the family name they should be included; for example, hyphenated names should be entered with a hyphen without spaces.

Hyphenated family names should only be recorded using this data element, and not [Person—family name prefix, text A\[A\(29\)\]](#).

Apostrophe—for example O'Brien, D'Agostino

No space should be left before or after the apostrophe; for example, for the name 'O'Brien', there should not be a space between the 'O' and the apostrophe, or between the apostrophe and 'Brien'.

Family names with apostrophes should only be recorded using this data element, and not [Person—family name prefix, text A\[A\(29\)\]](#).

Full stop—for example, St. John or St. George.

No space should be left before a full stop; for example, for the name 'St. John' there should not be a space between 'St' and the full stop. A space should be left between the full stop and the next name; for example, for the name 'St. John' there should be a space between the full stop and 'John'. In this example, it would be incorrect to enter 'St .John' or 'St . John'.

Space—for example, Van Der Humm, Le Brun (examples which should be entered using the provision for family name prefix).

If the person has recorded their family name as more than one word, displaying spaces in between the words, record their family name in the same way leaving one space between each word. When it is displayed there should be a space between each family name in the same sequence as collected.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Standards Australia


Origin: National Health Data Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Standards Australia 2002. Australian Standard AS5017-2002 Health Care Client Identification. Sydney: Standards Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Mother's original family name, version 2, DE, Int. NCSDD & NHDD, NCSIMG & NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.1 KB) *No registration status*
Supersedes [Person—mother's original family name, text X\[X\(39\)\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

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 demographic identifiers cluster
Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

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