

# Person—gender, text X[X(99)]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Gender text
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	637351
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 15/02/2022</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The distinction between male, female, and other genders which are a combination of male and female, or neither male nor female, as represented by text.
<b>Context:</b>	Gender is an alternative to the commonly used sex metadata item. Gender may be used in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics where there is no requirement to collect the biological profile of a person.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—gender</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	X[X(99)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	100

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>This data element may be used where 'Other' has been selected in the data element: <a href="#">Person—gender, code X</a>.</p> <p>This data element may be used to capture any further (optional) specification of gender descriptors. The inclusion of this write-in facility where the 'Other' code has been selected for <a href="#">Person—gender, code X</a> allows respondents the opportunity to describe their gender using a term they are comfortable with, whilst also maximising the potential for analysis of the responses provided. For example, respondents could report terms such as 'gender diverse', 'non-binary', 'unspecified', 'trans', 'transgender', 'transsexual', 'gender queer', 'pan-gendered', 'androgynous' and 'inter-gender' for gender.</p> <p>Data element sets implementing this data element should include a Conditional obligation with the following text: 'Conditional on 'Other' response in the data element: <a href="#">Person—gender, code X</a>'.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. <a href="#">Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</a> (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016.</p> <p>Attorney-General's Department 2015. <a href="#">Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</a>. Viewed 26 July 2016.</p>

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Person—gender, code X](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 02/01/2019
- [Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022

Has been superseded by [Person—gender, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022