

# Person—gender, text X[X(99)]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Element

**Short name:** Gender text

**METEOR identifier:** 637351

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022

**Definition:** 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.

**Context:** 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.

## Data element concept attributes

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**Data element concept:** [Person—gender](#)

**METEOR identifier:** 635978

**Registration status:**

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- [Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022

**Definition:** The way in which a person identifies their masculine or feminine characteristics. A person's gender relates to their deeply held internal and individual sense of gender and is not always exclusively male or female. It may or may not correspond to their sex assigned at birth.

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

**Property:** [Gender](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

**Origin:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard for Sex and Gender Variables](#) (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016.

Attorney-General's Department 2015. [Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender](#). Viewed 26 July 2016.

## Value domain attributes

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**Value domain:** [Text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

**METEOR identifier:** 270662

**Registration status:**

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Incomplete 17/11/2015
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 14/09/2009
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 04/05/2021
- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

**Definition:** A combination of alphanumeric characters.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Text

**Data type:** String

**Format:** X[X(99)]

**Maximum character length:** 100

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element may be used where 'Other' has been selected in the data element: [Person—gender, code X](#).

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 [Person—gender, code X](#) 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.

Data element sets implementing this data element should include a Conditional obligation with the following text: 'Conditional on 'Other' response in the data element: [Person—gender, code X](#)'.

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Person—gender, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

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

See also [Person—gender, code X](#)

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