

# Adoption—finalised adoption

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 650120  
**Registration status:**

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016

**Definition:** The severing of a legal relationship between a child and the biological parents and the transferring in full of the legal relationship of parent and child to the adoptive parent(s).

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Adoption](#)  
**Definition:** A legal process by which a person legally becomes a child of the adoptive parent(s) and legally ceases to be a child of his/her existing parent(s).  
**Specialisation of:** [Life event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Finalised adoption](#)  
**Definition:** The severing of a legal relationship between a child and the biological parents and the transferring in full of the legal relationship of parent and child to the adoptive parent(s).  
**Property group:** [Service provision event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Reference documents:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2015. Adoptions Australia 2014–15. Child welfare series no. 62. Cat. no. CWS 56. Canberra: AIHW.  
**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

## Data element concept attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Adoption—number of adoptions finalised](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

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

[Adoption—finalised adoption, total number N\[NN\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

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- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021