

# Adoption type code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Value Domain  
**METEOR identifier:** 651126  
**Registration status:**

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 12/11/2018

**Definition:** A code set representing categories of adoptions.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code  
**Data type:** Number  
**Format:** N  
**Maximum character length:** 1  
**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
1	Known adoption
2	Local adoption
3	Hague intercountry adoption
4	Non-Hague intercountry adoption

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Known adoption**

Known child adoption is the adoption of a child/children born or permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who have a pre-existing relationship with the adoptive parent(s) and who are generally not able to be adopted by anyone other than the adoptive parent(s). These types of adoptions are broken down into the following categories: Step-parent, Relative, Carer and Other.

**CODE 2 Local adoption**

A local adoption is the adoption of a child/children born or permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents.

**INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION**

An intercountry adoption is an adoption of a child/children by a person/couple habitually resident in Australia from a country other than Australia who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally has had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents. Inter-country adoptions are broken down into the following categories:

**CODE 3 Hague intercountry adoption**

A Hague intercountry adoption is where the adoptive child's country of origin has ratified or acceded to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, and the applicant(s) file was sent after the Convention entered into force in this country.

**CODE 4 Non-Hague intercountry adoption**

A non-Hague intercountry adoption is where the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption has not entered into force in the adoptive child's country of origin before the applicant(s) file was sent.

## Source and reference attributes

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

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Adoption type code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 12/11/2018

Supersedes [Adoption type code N\[N\]](#)

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

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Person—adoption type, code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 12/11/2018