

# Person—identifier type

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 654394  
**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 28/02/2017

**Definition:** The geographical or administrative organisational unit for which the unique person identifier is applicable.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Person](#)  
**Definition:** A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd  
**Reference documents:** Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>  
ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, <http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Identifier type](#)  
**Definition:** The class of identifier based on the extent to which it applies across geographic or administrative boundaries.  
**Property group:** [Identifier characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element concept attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Person—identifier type](#)

- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 16/03/2016

Has been superseded by [Person—unit identifier type](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

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

[Person—identifier type, mental health organisation type code NN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018