Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups 2016

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Classification Scheme

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Definition: The Australian Bureau of Statistics classification for religions of the Australian

population.

Classification structure: The Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (ASCRG) has a three

level hierarchical structure that consists of broad groups, narrow groups and religious groups. In the classification religions are grouped into progressively broader categories on the basis of similarity in terms of religious beliefs, religious

practices and cultural heritage adherents.

The ASCRG includes all religions and subsets of religions in the world that have a significant number of affiliated persons in Australia. All other religions are covered and are included in the most appropriate residual category (Miscellaneous, Other,

or Not elsewhere classified categories) of the classification.

Source and reference attributes

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Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. Australian Standard Classification of

Religious Groups 2016 Cat. no. 1266.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 27 October

2016.

Revision status: The first edition of the ASCRG was released in 1996. The ASCRG has since been

revised in 2005 and 2016.

Relational attributes

Related metadata

references:

Supersedes Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups 2011

Community Services (retired), Standard 30/09/2012

Disability, Standard 13/08/2015

Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/09/2016