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| METEOR identifier: | 659318 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 27/10/2016 |
| 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. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493238)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/09/2012  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 01/09/2016 |