

Person—sex/gender

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- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

Definition: The identification of a person as either male, female or not exclusively male or female.

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](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Sex/gender](#)
Definition: The identification of an individual as either male, female or not exclusively male or female.
Property group: [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Government Department of Social Services

Origin: Australian Government 2017. Guides to Social Policy Law. Guide to Social Security Law. Viewed 24 April 2017, <http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/2/2/2>

Data element concept attributes

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Submitting organisation: Australian Government Department of Social Services

Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Person—sex/gender, code A](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

[Person—sex/gender, Tasmanian code A](#)

- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/06/2020