

# Person—Indigenous status, code AAA

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Patient Indigenous status code
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	PER_INDIGENOUS_STATUS_CODE; INDIGENOUS_STATUS
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	675163
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health, Standard 01/06/2017</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	The code that represents whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is in accordance with the first two of three components of the Commonwealth definition.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Indigenous status code AAA</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	AAA
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	ABG	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander
	ABT	Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
	TSI	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	OTH	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander
	NSP	Not specified
	UNK	Unknown

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:**

The classification for Indigenous status has a hierarchical structure comprising two levels. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are grouped into two categories at the broad level. The classification is as follows:

Indigenous:

- Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander
- Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Non-Indigenous:

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander.

This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting, using the data element:

[Person-Indigenous status, code N](#)

Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes:

Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)	National codes
ABG Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin
TSI Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal	2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin
ABT Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
OTH Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander	4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
NSP Not specified	9 Not stated/inadequately described
UNK Unknown	

The synonymous name PER\_INDIGENOUS\_STATUS\_CODE is used for local reporting purposes.

The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name INDIGENOUS\_STATUS.

**Comments:**

The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of Commonwealth v Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- descent;
- self-identification; and
- community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee  
National Community Services Data Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—Indigenous status, code AAA](#)  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)  
[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

***DSS specific information:***

This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17](#)

It is reported nationally using the data element:

[Person-Indigenous status, code N](#)