

# Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Actual place of birth
METEOR identifier:	695103
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020
Definition:	The actual place where the birth occurred, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Birth event—actual setting of birth</a>
METEOR identifier:	695126
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 12/12/2018 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 08/11/2023
Definition:	The actual place where the birth occurred.
Object class:	<a href="#">Birth event</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Actual setting of birth</a>

## Value domain attributes

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Value domain:	<a href="#">Birth setting code N</a>
METEOR identifier:	695143
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020
Definition:	A code set representing the setting for a birth event.

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Hospital, excluding birth centre
	2	Birth centre, attached to hospital
	3	Birth centre, free standing
	4	Home
	8	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The birth setting should be recorded for each baby that the mother delivers from the pregnancy.

CODE 4 Home

Reserved for births that occur at the home intended (planned home births).

CODE 8 Other

Record for births that occur at a home other than that intended; home births without a midwife or other medical professional in attendance (free births); a community health centre or for babies [born before arrival](#).

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—setting of birth \(actual\), code N Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Has been superseded by [Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/11/2023

See also [Birth event—intended setting of birth, code N Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Perinatal NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

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