

# Adoption type code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing categories of adoptions.

## Representational attributes

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## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Known adoption**

Known child adoption is the adoption of a child/children born or permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who have a pre-existing relationship with the adoptive parent(s) and who are generally not able to be adopted by anyone other than the adoptive parent(s). These types of adoptions are broken down into the following categories: Step-parent, Relative, Carer and Other.

**CODE 2 Local adoption**

A local adoption is the adoption of a child/children born or permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents.

**INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION**

An intercountry adoption is an adoption of a child/children by a person/couple habitually resident in Australia from a country other than Australia who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally has had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents. Inter-country adoptions are broken down into the following categories:

**CODE 3 Hague intercountry adoption**

An intercountry adoption where the adoptive child's country of origin has ratified or acceded to the Hague Convention, and the file of the applicant(s) was sent after the Hague Convention entered into force in that country

**CODE 4 Bilateral Intercountry adoption**

An intercountry adoption where Australia had an official adoption program open with the adoptive child's country of origin at the time the file of the applicant(s) was sent, but where the Hague Convention had not entered into force in that country before the file was sent.

**CODE 5 Non-Hague intercountry adoption**

An intercountry adoption where Australia did not have an official adoption program open with the adoptive child's country of origin at the time the file of the applicant(s) was sent, and the Hague Convention had not entered into force in that country before the file was sent.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Adoption type code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

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- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 12/11/2018

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Person—adoption type, code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 02/12/2019