

# Adoption type code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Value Domain  
**METEOR identifier:** 722902  
**Registration status:**

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

**Definition:** A code set representing categories of adoptions.

## Representational attributes

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

Value	Meaning
1	Known adoption
2	Local adoption
3	Hague intercountry adoption
4	Bilateral intercountry adoption
5	Intercountry known child adoption
6	Intercountry ad hoc adoption

## 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 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, and the adoptive child's country of origin had 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 Intercountry known child adoption

An intercountry adoption where the child and the applicant had a pre-existing relationship prior to the adoption that allowed the adoption to occur. Without this relationship, the child would not generally be able to be adopted by the applicant through an intercountry adoption process.

### CODE 6 Intercountry ad-hoc adoption

An adoption from a country with which Australia did not have an existing intercountry adoption program at the time the file of the applicant(s) 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](#), Standard 03/11/2021

Supersedes [Adoption type code N](#)

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

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

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