

Adoption Indigenous status code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	729916
Registration status:	Children and Families , Standard 20/02/2021
Definition:	A code set representing Indigenous status.

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Indigenous Australian
	2	Non-Indigenous
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/Inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This metadata item is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) standard for Indigenous status. For detailed advice on its use and application please refer to the ABS website as indicated in the Reference documents.

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. There is one supplementary category for 'Not stated/inadequately described' responses. The classification is as follows:

Indigenous Australians:

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

Non-Indigenous Australians:

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin.

Not stated/inadequately described:

This category is not to be available as a valid answer to the questions but is intended for use:

- Primarily when importing data from other data collections that do not contain mappable data.
- Where the answer cannot be determined without clarification from the respondent (for example, 'No' and 'Yes, Aboriginal' are both selected).
- Where an answer was declined.
- Where the question was not able to be asked because the client was unable to communicate or a person who knows the client was not available.

Comments: This metadata item is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) standard for Indigenous status. For information on the Indigenous status standard refer to the [Person—Indigenous status, code N](#) data element.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Adoption Indigenous status code N](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Adoption—Indigenous status, code N](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021