

# Adoption Indigenous status code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	729916
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 20/02/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing Indigenous status.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Indigenous Australian
	2	Non-Indigenous
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	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