

Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent(s), code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship to adoptive parents
METEOR identifier:	749270
Registration status:	Children and Families , Standard 03/11/2021
Definition:	The pre-adoption relationship a person has to their adoptive parent(s) , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent(s)
Value Domain:	Relationship to adoptive parent(s) code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Step-parent
	2	Other relative(s)
	3	Carer(s)
	4	Other

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Step-parent

A [step-parent](#) is the non-biological parent who is the spouse of the child's natural parent or previously adoptive parent. Foster parents are not included in this category.

CODE 2 Relative(s)

This category includes any relative of the child, other than step-parents, as defined by the *Family Law Act 1975*. For Indigenous children, 'relative' includes those related through kinship arrangements.

CODE 3 Carer

This category includes foster parents or other non-relatives who have been caring for the child and have had the responsibility for making decisions concerning the daily care and control of the child for the relevant period (as specified by the relevant state/territory department) before the adoption.

CODE 4 Other

'Other' includes children adopted by commissioning parent(s) (surrogate parents), whether the commissioning parent is a relative or not.

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent\(s\), code N Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

See also [Person—adoption type, code N Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Adoptions DSS 2020-21 Children and Families](#), Superseded 05/06/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a [known child adoption](#).

[Adoptions DSS 2021-22 Children and Families](#), Superseded 04/04/2024

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a [known child adoption](#).

[Adoptions DSS 2022-23 Children and Families](#), Standard 04/04/2024

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a [known child adoption](#).