

# Person—sexual orientation

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	755718
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Qualified 03/06/2022
Definition:	The <a href="#">sexual orientation</a> of a person.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	<a href="#">Person</a>
METEOR identifier:	268955
Registration status:	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023 <a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a> , Qualified 17/01/2024 <a href="#">Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board</a> , Standard 30/08/2022 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 21/05/2010 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 11/08/2014 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 31/08/2016 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 06/03/2014 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the <i>Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</i> and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) <i>Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</i> , which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.
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### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.</i> Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd

**Reference documents:** Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>

ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, <http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Sexual orientation](#)

**METEOR identifier:** 755709

**Registration status:** [Health](#), Qualified 03/06/2022

**Definition:** [The sexual orientation](#) of an individual.

**Property group:** [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

**Origin:** ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2021. Standard for Sex, Gender, Variations of Sex Characteristics and sexual Orientation Variables. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 24 Feb 2022, <<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release>>

## Data element concept attributes

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

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## Relational attributes

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Person—sexual orientation, code N\[N\]](#)  
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[Person—sexual orientation, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)  
[Health](#), Qualified 03/06/2022