

Person—sexual orientation, text X[X(99)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Sexual orientation of a person as text
METEOR identifier:	756847
Registration status:	Health , Qualified 03/06/2022
Definition:	The sexual orientation of a person, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Person—sexual orientation
Value Domain:	Text X[X(99)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(99)]
Maximum character length:	100

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	This data element may be used where 'I use a different term' has been selected in the data element: Person—sexual orientation, code N[N] .
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This data element may be used to capture any further (optional) specification of sexual orientation descriptors. The inclusion of this write-in facility where "I use a different term" code has been selected for [Person—sexual orientation, code N\[N\]](#) recognises that there are a range of terms used to describe sexual orientation, and enhances data quality. For example, respondents could report terms such as "asexual", "pansexual" and "queer".

Data element sets implementing this data element should include a Conditional obligation with the following text: "Conditional on a CODE 4: 'I use a different term' response in the data element: [Person—sexual orientation, code N\[N\]](#)".

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 23 Feb 2022, < https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release >.
Reference documents:	APSC (Australian Public Service Commission) 2021. Australian Government Style Manual 2021. Gender and Sexual Diversity. Canberra: APSC. Viewed 23 Feb 2022, < https://www.stylemanual.gov.au/accessible-and-inclusive-content/inclusive-language/gender-and-sexual-diversity > AIFS (Australian Institute of Family Studies) 2022. LGBTIQ+ glossary of common terms. Canberra: AIFS. Viewed 24 Feb 2022, < https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/lgbtiq-glossary >

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Person—sexual orientation, code N\[N\] Health](#), Qualified 03/06/2022