

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Sexual orientation of a person as text
METEOR identifier:	756847
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Health</a>, Qualified 03/06/2022</li></ul>
Definition:	The <a href="#">sexual orientation</a> of a person, as represented by text.

## Data element concept attributes

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Data element concept:	<a href="#">Person—sexual orientation</a>
METEOR identifier:	755718
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Health</a>, Qualified 03/06/2022</li></ul>
Definition:	The <a href="#">sexual orientation</a> of a person.
Object class:	<a href="#">Person</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Sexual orientation</a>

### Source and reference attributes

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, < <a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release">https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release</a> >
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## Value domain attributes

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Value domain:	<a href="#">Text X[X(99)]</a>
METEOR identifier:	270662

- Registration status:**
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Incomplete 17/11/2015
  - [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 14/09/2009
  - [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
  - [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014
  - [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 04/05/2021
  - [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

**Definition:** A combination of alphanumeric characters.

## 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\[N\]](#).

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\[N\]](#)".

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

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