

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	X[X(99)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	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\[N\]](#)".

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	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> > .
<b>Reference documents:</b>	APSC (Australian Public Service Commission) 2021. Australian Government Style Manual 2021. Gender and Sexual Diversity. Canberra: APSC. Viewed 23 Feb 2022, < <a href="https://www.stylemanual.gov.au/accessible-and-inclusive-content/inclusive-language/gender-and-sexual-diversity">https://www.stylemanual.gov.au/accessible-and-inclusive-content/inclusive-language/gender-and-sexual-diversity</a> >  AIFS (Australian Institute of Family Studies) 2022. LGBTIQ+ glossary of common terms. Canberra: AIFS. Viewed 24 Feb 2022, < <a href="https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/lgbtiq-glossary">https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/lgbtiq-glossary</a> >

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Person—sexual orientation, code N\[N\]](#)

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