

Person—Indigenous status, Tertiary Collection of Student Information code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI) Indigenous status
METEOR identifier:	761453
Registration status:	Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022
Definition:	Whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, as represented by a code.
Context:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI)
Data Element Concept:	Person—Indigenous status
Value Domain:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information indigenous status code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	2	Non indigenous – neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	3	Of Aboriginal origin but not Torres Strait Islander
	4	Of Torres Strait Islander origin but not Aboriginal
	5	Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
Supplementary values:	9	No information

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 is intentionally not included.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of *Commonwealth v Tasmania* (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- descent;
- self-identification; and
- community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Government 2021. Tertiary collection of student information: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander code, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022. www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/316

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Initial Teacher Education \(ITE\) data cluster](#)
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022