

# Person—Indigenous status, teacher registration code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Indigenous status
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	atsi
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	762518
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board</a> , Standard 30/08/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Teacher Registration for the Australian Teacher Workforce Data (ATWD)
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Teacher registration Indigenous status code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Not Indigenous/don't know
	2	Indigenous
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	If no data are available, then a value of 99 is used.  CODE 1 – Not Indigenous/don't know  Record if the person identifies as not indigenous or if Indigenous status is unknown.  CODE 2 - Indigenous: Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both  Record if the person identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or both.
<b>Comments:</b>	This Value Domain is based on the collection of Indigenous status from Teacher Registration Authorities (TRAs) as part of the Australian Teacher Workforce Data (ATWD).

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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# Data element attributes

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### Comments:

The purpose of this data element is to provide information about whether persons identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

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.

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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set** [Teacher Registration data cluster](#)

**Specifications:** [Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022