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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| Synonymous names: | SLK sequential match code |
| METEOR identifier: | 781040 |
| Registration status: | [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Recorded 16/05/2024 |
| Definition: | A code set representing codes used to differentiate non-coincidental replications of a statistical linkage key (SLK). |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Text |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[N(4)] |
| Maximum character length: | 5 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The ABS-devised Statistical linkage key (SLK) Match code identifies non-coincidental replications of the SLK and links those SLKs using a sequential numbering system.Replicants of the SLK 581 may be identified from an individual person's record by system identifier, biographic and/or demographic information held by the data provider. The first person identified with a non-unique SLK 581 is to be assigned an SLK match code of 1. All episode records for this person will use the same SLK match code.The next person identified with a non-unique SLK 581 is to be assigned an SLK match code incremented by 1 from the previous occurrence. All episode records for this person will use the same SLK match code. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Education |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Record—linkage key, sequential match code N[N(4)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/793024)[Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Recorded 16/05/2024 |