

# Record—reason for linkage key absence, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Linkage key absence reason
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	788443
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Recorded 12/07/2024
<b>Definition:</b>	The reason why a key enabling the bringing together of two or more records is missing, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Record—reason for linkage key absence</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">National Perinatal Data Collection reason for linkage key absence code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Interstate birth
	2	Outside scope of NPDC
	3	Other
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 1 Interstate birth
	Use this code when there is no linkage key in the National Perinatal Data Collection (NPDC) because the birth occurred in a different state of territory to where the data was recorded.
	CODE 2 Outside scope of NPDC
	Use this code when there is no linkage key in the NPDC because the birth was outside the scope of the NPDC because of reasons such as termination of pregnancy, spontaneous abortion, gestation of less than 20 weeks.
	CODE 3 Other
	Use this code when there is no linkage key in the NPDC and the cause is not covered by the other causes.
	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
	Use this code when the information is not stated or inadequately described.

## Source and reference attributes

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