

Person (name)—family name

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

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Registration status: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 28/07/2005
[Indigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Definition: That part of a name a person usually has in common with some other members of his/her family, as distinguished from his/her given names.

Context: Administrative purposes and individual identification.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Person](#)

Definition: A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd

Reference documents: Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>

ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Family name](#)

Definition: A designation for a family.

Property group: [Name characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—family name Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Person \(name\)—family name, text A\[A\(49\)\]](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[Person \(name\)—family name, text X\[X\(39\)\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
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[Housing assistance](#), Standard 20/06/2005
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