
Occupation of person

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
Knowledgebase ID: 000760 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHDAMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The current job or duties in which the person is principally engaged.
Context: This data element may be useful in gaining an understanding of a client's situation and needs.
It can also be used to collect information about employees of agencies.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 2
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: NOVAL Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second edition ABS 1997, Catalogue No. 1220.0, 2 digit code level (sub-major group).
Guide For Use: Refer to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second edition ABS 1997, Catalogue No. 1220.0 for data domain. The 2-digit code level (sub-major group) is recommended for most collections.
Collection Methods: This data element should only be collected from people whose Labour force status is employed.
Where a person has more than one occupation, the principal occupation is the one in which they work the most hours.
Occupation is too complex and diverse an issue to fit neatly into any useable small group of categories. Therefore the ABS recommend that this data element be collected by using the following two open-ended questions.

- What was your occupation in the last week?
 - What tasks did you perform in that occupation?
- The information gained from these two questions can then be used to select an appropriate code from the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations.
- The occupation code assigned is based on the main job held during the previous week (as per the questions above).

Related metadata: relates to the data element Labour force status version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997, Catalogue No. 1220.0

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
