

Person—letters of family name

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Person—letters of family name

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 349493

Registration status: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/03/2007
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
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[Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Definition: A specific combination of letters selected from the person's family name (surname).

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: [Letters of family name](#)

Definition: A specific combination of letters selected from a family name (surname).

Property group: [Identifier characteristics](#)

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

**Data Elements
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Element Concept:**

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[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
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[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 27/03/2023