

# Person—family name prefix, text A[A(29)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type:  | Data Element   |
| Short name:          | Family name prefix   |
| METEOR identifier:   | 520790   |
| Registration status: | <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 05/10/2016  |
| Definition:          | A starting component of a person's family name, as represented by text.<br>It is often an inherited honorific that has become part of the family name over time. |

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Data element concept: | <a href="#">Person—family name prefix</a>   |
| METEOR identifier:    | 520787  |
| Registration status:  | <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 05/10/2016   |
| Definition:           | A starting component of a person's family name. It is often an inherited honorific that has become part of the family name over time. |
| Object class:         | <a href="#">Person</a>  |
| Property:             | <a href="#">Family name prefix</a>  |

### Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  |
| Reference documents:     | Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia. |

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Value domain:        | <a href="#">Text A[A(29)]</a>   |
| METEOR identifier:   | 270615  |
| Registration status: | <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005<br><a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 25/09/2005<br><a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 21/11/2013 |
| Definition:          | A combination of alphabetic characters.   |

### Representational attributes

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Representation class:     | Text     |
| Data type:                | String   |
| Format:                   | A[A(29)] |
| Maximum character length: | 30       |

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Where a person has a starting prefix to the family name, identification of that component as a prefix supports improved searching options in information systems.

Examples of a family name prefix include:

- von
- de
- ozy

**Collection methods:** Record alphabetic characters, punctuation (for example, '-') and spaces only.

Hyphenated family names are not a part of a name prefix and should be recorded using [Person—family name, text X\[X\(39\)\]](#).

A name prefix precedes a family name in a display of the full name. Names which include punctuation, such as O'Brien, should not have the 'O' separated out as a prefix, but should be treated as a single family name.

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Person—family name prefix sequence number, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016

See also [Person—family name, text X\[X\(39\)\] Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Individual name cluster Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016