

# Identifier—identifier designation, text X[X(19)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Identifier designation
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	612730
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 05/10/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	An alphanumeric identifier, allocated by an organisation or individual provider that is used to uniquely identify an entity, as represented by text.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier—identifier designation</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Text X[X(19)]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	X[X(19)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	20

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	<p>The Australian Standard for Person and provider identification in healthcare (AS 4846:2014) outlines the following principles of identifiers in healthcare:</p> <p>Principle A: Identifiers shall be unique to a purpose and often to a person or organisation, although family group identifiers exist and are unique to the family.</p> <p>Principle B: Identifiers shall not be recycled or reused.</p> <p>Principle C: Each person or organisation should have a single active identifier from a given issuer for a specific usage at any given point in time.</p> <p>The combination of 3 identifier data elements—Identifier designation, <a href="#">Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)]</a> and <a href="#">Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN</a>—uniquely identify an entity for a specific purpose, and is known as a globally unique identifier.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Identifier—identifier designation, text X\[X\(19\)\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

See also [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X\[X\(199\)\] Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016

See also [Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Healthcare provider organisation cluster Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Identification in healthcare cluster Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016