

Person—adoption type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoption type
METEOR identifier:	651129
Registration status:	Children and Families , Superseded 12/11/2018
Definition:	The adoption category a person is adopted under, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—adoption type
Value Domain:	Adoption type code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Known adoption
	2	Local adoption
	3	Hague intercountry adoption
	4	Non-Hague intercountry adoption

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Known adoption**

Known child adoption is the adoption of a child/children born or permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who have a pre-existing relationship with the adoptive parent(s) and who are generally not able to be adopted by anyone other than the adoptive parent(s). These types of adoptions are broken down into the following categories: Step-parent, Relative, Carer and Other.

CODE 2 Local adoption

A local adoption is the adoption of a child/children born or permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents.

INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION

An intercountry adoption is an adoption of a child/children by a person/couple habitually resident in Australia from a country other than Australia who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally has had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents. Inter-country adoptions are broken down into the following categories:

CODE 3 Hague intercountry adoption

A Hague intercountry adoption is where the adoptive child's country of origin has ratified or acceded to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, and the applicant(s) file was sent after the Convention entered into force in this country.

CODE 4 Non-Hague intercountry adoption

A non-Hague intercountry adoption is where the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption has not entered into force in the adoptive child's country of origin before the applicant(s) file was sent.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Data are collected on the type of adoption for all children for whom a final adoption order was made during a reporting period. This includes orders that were made in Australia, and, in the case of some intercountry adoptions, where the full adoption order was made in the country of origin.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—adoption type, code N\[N\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

Has been superseded by [Person—adoption type, code N](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 02/12/2019

See also [Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent\(s\), code N](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Adoptions DSS 2013-16](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/03/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Adoptions DSS 2016-17](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 12/11/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017