

Country code (SACC 2016) NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	659444
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 06/12/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 27/06/2017 Disability , Standard 15/12/2017 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018 Children and Families , Standard 11/11/2018 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC 2016) code set representing a country.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2016 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.</p> <p>A country, even if it comprises other discrete political entities such as states, is treated as a single unit for all data domain purposes. Parts of a political entity are not included in different groups. Thus, Hawaii is included in Northern America (as part of the identified country United States of America), despite being geographically close to and having similar social and cultural characteristics as the units classified to Polynesia.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Revision status:	<p>SACC was previously known as the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS).</p> <p>The first edition of the SACC was published in 1998. The first edition had a number of revisions, with the final revision (R2.03) in 2007. The Second edition of SACC was first published in 2008. This edition was followed by SACC 2011 and 2016.</p>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Country code (SACC 2011) NNNN Children and Families , Superseded 11/11/2018 Community Services (retired) , Standard 13/10/2011 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Health! , Superseded 06/12/2016 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018 Housing assistance , Standard 13/10/2011 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 01/11/2012 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 08/03/2017 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015
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Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Address—country identifier, country code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)
Health!, Standard 06/12/2016

[Individual service provider—country of institution awarding qualification, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)
Health!, Standard 06/12/2016

[Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)
Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018
Disability, Standard 15/12/2017
Health!, Standard 06/12/2016
Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018
Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017
Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022

[Person—country of origin, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)
Children and Families, Standard 12/11/2018

[Person—country of residence, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)
Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018

[Person—partner's country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)
Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018

Classification scheme attributes

Classification scheme: [Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2016](#)

Synonymous names: SACC 2016

METEOR identifier: 659350

Definition: The Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) is produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and provides guidelines for the consistent collection, aggregation and dissemination of statistics by country.

Registration status: Health!, Standard 06/12/2016
Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017
Disability, Qualified 31/07/2017
Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018
Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018
Children and Families, Standard 20/01/2021
Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022

Classification structure: The SACC has a three-level hierarchical structure that consists of major groups, minor groups and countries. The major and minor groups of the classification generally represent geographically contiguous groups of countries or regions that share some social, cultural, economic or political characteristics.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The ABS recommends all data be captured and stored at the most detailed level of the classification to enable more detailed and complex analysis, and facilitate comparisons with other data sets.

Countries from different minor groups should not be added together to form an aggregation that is not included in the classification framework structure as this corrupts the application of the classification criteria and has repercussions for data comparability. Similarly, minor groups from different major groups should not be added together. In instances where some countries within a minor group are presented separately while the remaining countries within the minor group are aggregated, the group of aggregated countries should be labelled 'Other', or 'Other (minor group name)'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard Australian Classification of Countries \(SACC\) 2016](#). ABS cat. no. 1269.0. Canberra: ABS.

