

# Person—partner's sex/gender, code A

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Partner's sex/gender
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	671735
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The identification of a person's partner as either male, female or not exclusively male or female, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—partner's sex/gender</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Sex/gender code A</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	A	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
	M	Male
	F	Female
	X	Other

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE X   Other
	Other refers to any person who does not exclusively identify as either male or female. Terms such as 'indeterminate', 'intersex', 'non-binary', and 'unspecified' are variously used to describe the 'Other' category of sex.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Government Department of Social Services
<b>Origin:</b>	Australian Government 2017. Guides to Social Policy Law. Guide to Social Security Law. Viewed 24 April 2017, <a href="http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/2/2/2">http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/2/2/2</a>

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Collection methods:</b>	Sex/gender information is collected and recorded to help verify the identity of individuals who claim, or are in receipt, of social security payments.  An Australian birth certificate, current Australian passport or current foreign passport, or a statement from a registered medical practitioner or registered psychologist, are acceptable documents to verify a person's gender.
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**Comments:** The Australian Government Department of Social Services/Centrelink forms collect information from recipients using the terms 'sex' and 'gender'. It is therefore not possible to differentiate between the two terms or use a data element that defines either sex or gender.

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**Submitting organisation:** Australian Government Department of Social Services

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Demographics Cluster](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on a person having a partner.

***DSS specific information:***

Partner's sex/gender refers to the variables PTNR\_GENDER in the PIA research data set.

The data are collected as 'sex' but interpreted as 'gender'. Values may change over time if an individual's gender identity alters during their lifetime.