

# **Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N**

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695328
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element should be completed for all females who gave birth.  
CODE 7 Not applicable

This code should be recorded if the female has not had a previous pregnancy that resulted in a birth at or after 20 weeks gestation or of a baby weighing 400 grams or more.

**Comments:** Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when recorded with other data elements, provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.

This data element can be recorded to determine vaginal births occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) data element

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Has been superseded by [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2020–21](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**Used as Denominator**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021