

# Person—Indigenous status, simplified code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Indigenous status
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	730592
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Recorded 05/01/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, as represented by a simplified code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Simplified Indigenous status 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

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Indigenous Australian
	2	Non-Indigenous Australian
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This metadata item includes a simplified code set based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Indigenous status standard (ABS 2014). Please refer to the standard for detailed advice. The code set is suitable for use in aggregated data collections. It is not suitable for collecting primary data.

The classification for Indigenous status has a hierarchical structure comprising two levels, which are represented here. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are subsets of the two broader categories. There is one supplementary category for 'Not stated/inadequately described' responses. The classification is as follows:

CODE 1 - Indigenous Australians

Use for people identified as:

- Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin.
- Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin.
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

CODE 2 - Non-Indigenous Australians

Use for people identified as:

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin.

CODE 9 - Not stated/inadequately described:

Use where the information is unknown or unavailable.

## Source and reference attributes

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

**Origin:** ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2014. Indigenous Status Standard Version 1.5, Canberra. Viewed 8 July 2020, <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/a866861f12e106e0ca256a38002791fa/5609d66dcc94996eca257d6a000fb3fc!OpenDocument>

AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2010. National best practice guidelines for collecting Indigenous status in health data sets. Cat. no. IHW 29. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 8 July 2020, <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=6442468342>.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This metadata item is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Indigenous status standard (ABS 2014). Please refer to the standard for detailed advice.

**Collection methods:** This data element uses a simplified code set to record Indigenous status, and is suitable for reporting aggregated data. It is not suitable for collecting primary data.

For more information on collecting data on a person's Indigenous status see [Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Comments:** The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of Commonwealth v Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- descent;
- self-identification; and
- community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.

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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Primary Health Network all regular clients cluster](#)

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[Primary Health Network female regular clients cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network female regular clients with a cervical screening recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients immunised against influenza cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with a blood pressure measurement result recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with a tobacco smoking status recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with an absolute cardiovascular disease risk assessment result recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with an alcohol consumption status recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with body mass index recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with diabetes mellitus cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

[Primary Health Network regular clients with glycosylated haemoglobin measurement result recorded cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021