

Relationship to adoptive parent(s) code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	749274
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
Definition:	A code set representing who a person was adopted by.

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Step-parent
	2	Other relative(s)
	3	Carer(s)
	4	Other

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Step-parent

A **step-parent** is the non-biological parent who is the spouse of the child's natural parent or previously adoptive parent. Foster parents are not included in this category.

CODE 2 Relative(s)

This category includes any relative of the child, other than step-parents, as defined by the *Family Law Act 1975*. For Indigenous children, 'relative' includes those related through kinship arrangements.

CODE 3 Carer

This category includes foster parents or other non-relatives who have been caring for the child and have had the responsibility for making decisions concerning the daily care and control of the child for the relevant period (as specified by the relevant state/territory department) before the adoption.

CODE 4 Other

'Other' includes children adopted by commissioning parent(s) (surrogate parents), whether the commissioning parent is a relative or not.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Relationship to adoptive parent\(s\) code N](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

Data elements implementing this value domain:

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