

1 Data Content Standard

2 Name of person

3 Purpose of standard

4 Standards establish consistent ways for describing and recording data across agencies. Consistency
5 ensures there's only one way of talking about each different piece of information, helping to:

- 6 • maximise the value of data
- 7 • create a more complete view to inform government policy and investment decisions
- 8 • enable information sharing and reconciling the data faster and more efficiently.

9 The purpose of this document is to:

- 10 • introduce the [NZ Government OASIS CIQ Name Profile](#), which should be used to format names
11 of people for collection, recording, and sharing purposes
 - 12 • endorse and mandate the use of the NZ Government OASIS CIQ Name Profile as the standard
13 across government for collection, recording, and sharing names of an individual person
 - 14 • provide guidance on the minimum requirements for use of the NZ Government OASIS CIQ
15 Name Profile for matching names between agencies.
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16 Definition

17 Name of person generally consist of a Family Name (Surname) and one or more Given Names
18 (Personal Names). It can include other name elements such as Title or Suffix.

19 There are two main name types which a person can use when interacting with agencies.

20 'Official name' refers to a name that can be validated against New Zealand Government approved
21 authoritative data sources, such as birth, citizenship, passport, and immigration records and the
22 documents associated with them.

23 'Know as (or Assumed) name' refers to all other names that people are entitled to use through
24 marriage or civil union, common use, or preference.

25 Guidance

26 The data content standard for name of person is the [NZ Government OASIS CIQ Name Profile](#) which is
27 based on the OASIS CIQ standard.

28 The minimum required format for compliance with this standard is a Family Name and a single field
29 containing all Given Names. Use this standard if you are matching names of people across agencies.
30 Where there is a single name it should be recorded as a Family Name.

31 For collection and recording please see the full [NZ Government OASIS CIQ Name Profile](#) for the
32 preferred format.

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