

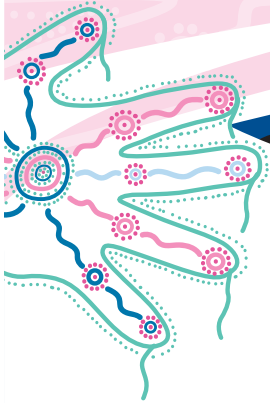
LGBTIQA+

Terminology Table



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TERMINOLOGY	MEANING
LGBTIQA+	An acronym term that represents the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex, queer, asexual and questioning community.
Gender Identity	Refers to a person's internalised sense of self which may be feminine, masculine, neither, both and moving around freely.
Cisgender	Refers to any individual who does exclusively identify with their gender assigned at birth. Sometimes shortened to 'cis'.
Sexuality	Describes our romantic and/or sexual attraction.
Brotherboy	Is a term used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to describe gender diverse people that have a male spirit and take on male roles within the community. Brotherboys have a strong sense of their cultural identity. This can be also be used as a term of endearment. When this happens, it is generally spelt, 'Brothaboy'.
Sistergirl	Is a term used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to describe gender diverse people that have a female spirit and take on female roles within the community, including looking after children and family. Many sistergirls live a traditional lifestyle and have strong cultural backgrounds. This can be also be used as a term of endearment. When this happens, it is generally spelt, 'Sistagirl'.
Lesbian	Typically used to describe women attracted to other women, however people of different genders may also use this term to describe an attraction to women or feminine people.

Gay	The attraction to people of the same gender, historically used to describe men attracted to other men, however, people of any gender may use this term.
Bisexual	The attraction to two or more gender identities, sometimes shortened to 'bi' or 'bi+'.
Queer	A broad term that can refer to any or multiple LGBTIQ+ identities and experiences. It can also be a political term about the resistance to heteronormativity and celebration of LGBTIQ+ culture. As Queer is a reclaimed slur, some members of the LGBTIQ+ community don't use this word and may find it offensive, whilst others may elect to use it.
Transgender & Gender Diverse (TGD)	A broad term referring to any individuals who do not exclusively identify with their gender assigned at birth. Sometimes shortened to 'trans'.
Gender Affirmation	Describes the process of affirming ones gender identity to match internal sense of self. There are many way trans and gender diverse people will affirm their gender identity and each are equally as valid as the other. Some people also refer to this process as 'transitioning'.
Intersex	People who are born with physical or biological sex characteristics (such as sexual anatomy, reproductive organs, hormonal patterns and/or chromosomal patterns) that are more diverse than stereotypical definitions for male or female bodies.
Asexual	People who experience low levels or no sexual attraction. Sometimes shortened to 'ace'.

****It is important to note that many of these terms are fluid, ever evolving and may mean different things to different people**
 Source: Zoe Belle Gender Collective <https://zbgc.org.au/>

