Person—body function, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNNN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Body function |
| Synonymous names: | Body function code |
| METEOR identifier: | 320141 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 16/10/2006  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/11/2006  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | The physiological or psychological function of a person's body system, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—body function](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/320234) |
| Value Domain: | [Body function code (ICF 2001) AN[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/321690) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270548) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | AN[NNNN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '[**Disability**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327304)' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.  Data can be collected at the three digit level in one chapter and at the chapter level in another. However it is only possible to collect data at a single level of the hierarchy in a single chapter to maintain mutual exclusivity. For example, it is not permitted to collect both Exercise tolerance functions (3 digit level) and 'fatigability' (4-digit level) as the former includes the latter.  The value domain below refers to the highest hierarchical level (ICF chapter level). Data collected at this level, in association with *Impairment extent code N* will use the codes as indicated.  CODE b1     Mental functions CODE b2     Sensory functions and pain CODE b3     Voice and speech functions CODE b4     Functions of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems CODE b5     Functions of the digestive, metabolic and the endocrine system CODE b6     Genitourinary and reproductive functions CODE b7     Neuromusculoskeletal and movement-related functions CODE b8     Functions of the skin and related structures  Data collected at this level will provide a general description of the structures and can only be compared with data collected at the same level.  Each chapter contains categories at different levels ordered from general to detailed. For more detailed information the user should follow the structure of the ICF; the codes should be drawn from the same hierarchical level within any particular chapter. The full range of permissible values together, with definitions is listed in the [*Body Functions*](http://www3.who.int/icf/onlinebrowser/icf.cfm) component of the ICF.  An example of a value domain at the 3 digit level from the Sensory functions and pain chapter may include:  CODE b210   Seeing functions CODE b230   Hearing functions CODE b235   Vestibular functions CODE b250   Taste functions CODE b255   Smell functions CODE b260   Proprioceptive functions CODE b265   Touch functions CODE b270   Sensory functions related to temperature and other stimuli CODE b279   Additional sensory functions, other specified and unspecified  An example of a value domain at the 4 digit level from the body function component  may include:  CODE b1300   Energy level CODE b1400   Sustaining attention CODE b1442   Retrieval of memory CODE b1521   Regulation of emotion CODE b1641   Organization and planning  The prefix ***b*** denotes the domains within the component of *Body Functions.* |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications. |
| Origin: | WHO 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO  AIHW 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW |
| Reference documents: | Further information on the ICF, including more detailed codes, can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003), at the following websites:   * WHO ICF website <http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/> * Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website <http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.cfm> |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This data element can be used to record positive or neutral body function, as well as impairment of body function when used in conjunction with the metadata item Person—extent of impairment of body function, code (ICF 2001)N.  Where multiple body functions or impairments of body functions are recorded, the following prioritising system should be useful.   * The first recorded body function or impairment of body function is the one having the greatest impact on the individual. * Second and subsequent body function or impairment of body function is also of relevance to the individual. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Person—extent of impairment of body function, code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/320138)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 16/10/2006  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/11/2006 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Body functions cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/320117)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 16/10/2006  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/11/2006 |