

Australian Standard Classification of Languages 1997

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Classification Scheme
Synonymous names:	ASCL 1997
METEOR identifier:	270552
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 30/09/2005• Health, Superseded 08/02/2006
Definition:	The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) classification for the languages spoken by Australians.
Classification structure:	<p>The ASCL has a three-level hierarchical structure.</p> <p>Languages are grouped together into progressively broader categories on the basis of their evolution from a common ancestral language, and on the basis of geographic proximity of areas where a particular language originated.</p>

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The ASCL is intended for use in the collection, aggregation and dissemination of data relating to the language use of the Australian population, or subsets of the population.</p> <p>Indexes in alphabetical and numerical order are available, see the <i>Origin</i>: attribute.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Origin:	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics 1997. <i>Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) 1997</i>. Cat. no. 1267.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 4 January 2005, http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/ed955bc3ca93ea47ca25697e00184abe!OpenDocument.</p> <p>Indexes in alphabetical and numerical order included.</p>
Reference documents:	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics 1998. A guide to major ABS Classifications. Cat no. 1291.0 Canberra: ABS. Viewed 4 January 2005, http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/8d9ae3e6ad89bdbbca25697e00184add!OpenDocument.</p>
Revision status:	<p>Original 1997 - Standard.</p> <p>The ABS has just completed a review of the Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL). The revised edition is expected to be released in July 2005. If you require information about the revised classification before then, please email: social.classifications@abs.gov.au or telephone the Standards Support Hotline on (02) 6252 5736.</p>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Has been superseded by Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 17/11/2011• Health, Superseded 17/11/2011• Housing assistance, Standard 10/02/2006
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**Value Domains based on
this classification scheme:**

[Language code \(ASCL 1997\) NN{NN}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/04/2006
- [Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2006

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