

Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2005

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Classification Scheme
Synonymous names:	ASCL 2005
METEOR identifier:	304118
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 17/11/2011• Health, Superseded 17/11/2011• Housing assistance, Standard 10/02/2006
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:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2005. Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) 2005 . Cat No. 1267.0. 2nd Edition, Canberra: ABS. Viewed 29 July 2005
Revision status:	If you require further information about this classification please email: social.classifications@abs.gov.au or telephone the Standards Support Hotline on (02) 6252 5736.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Supersedes Australian Standard Classification of Languages 1997</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 30/09/2005• Health, Superseded 08/02/2006 <p>Has been superseded by Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016• Community Services (retired), Standard 17/11/2011• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Health, Superseded 25/01/2018• Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018• Housing assistance, Standard 17/11/2011• Tasmanian Health, Superseded 27/06/2017
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Value Domains based on this classification scheme: [Language code \(ASCL 2005\) NN{NN}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
- [Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006