

Person—level of difficulty with activities in life areas, code (ICF 2001) N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Difficulty with activities
METEOR identifier:	320120
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	The level of difficulty a person has in performing the tasks and actions involved in specified life areas, as represented by a code.
Context:	Human functioning and disability

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—level of difficulty with activities in a life area
METEOR identifier:	320309
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 15/10/2014
Definition:	The ease by which a person is able to perform tasks and actions in a life area.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Level of difficulty with activities in a life area

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Activity difficulty level code (ICF 2001) N
Synonymous names:	Activity - level of difficulty
METEOR identifier:	324621
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	A code set representing the level of difficulty experienced in executing an activity from the <i>Activities and Participation</i> component of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2001).
Context:	Human functioning and disability.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	No difficulty
	1	Mild difficulty
	2	Moderate difficulty
	3	Severe difficulty
	4	Complete difficulty
Supplementary values:	8	Not specified
	9	Not applicable

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '[Disability](#)' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.

In the context of health, an activity is the execution of a task or action by an individual. Activity limitations are difficulties an individual may have in executing an activity.

Difficulties with activities can arise when there is a qualitative or quantitative alteration in the way in which these activities are carried out. Difficulty includes matters such as 'with pain', 'time taken', 'number of errors', clumsiness', 'modification of manner in which an activity is performed' e.g. sitting to get dressed instead of standing. 'Difficulty' is a combination of the frequency with which the problem exists, the duration of the problem and the intensity of the problem. Activity limitations are assessed against a generally accepted population standard, relative to cultural and social expectations.

Activity limitation varies with the environment and is assessed in relation to a particular environment; the absence or presence of [assistance](#), including aids and equipment, is an aspect of the environment.

The user will select the code that most closely summarises, in terms of duration, frequency, manner or outcome, the level of difficulty of the person for whom the data is recorded.

CODE 0 No difficulty in this life area

Is used when there is no difficulty in performing this activity. This scale has a margin of error of 5%. [0-4%]

CODE 1 Mild difficulty

Is recorded for example, when the level of difficulty is below the threshold for medical intervention, the difficulty is experienced less than 25% of the time, and/or with a low alteration in functioning which may happen occasionally over the last 30 days. [5-24%]

CODE 2 Moderate difficulty

Is used for example when the level of difficulty is experienced less than 50% of the time and/or with a significant, but moderate effect on functioning (Up to half the scale of total performance) which may happen regularly over the last 30 days. [25-49%]

CODE 3 Severe difficulty

Is used for example when performance in this life area can be achieved, but with only extreme difficulty, and/or with an extreme effect on functioning which may happen often over the last 30 days. [50-95%]

CODE 4 Complete difficulty

Is used when the person can not perform in this life area due of the difficulty in doing so. This scale has a margin of error of 5%. [96-100%]

CODE 8 Not specified

Is used where a person has difficulty with activities in a life area but there is insufficient information to use codes 0-4.

CODE 9 Not applicable

Is used where a life area is not applicable to this person, e.g. domestic life for a child under 5.

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.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO ICF website http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/ • Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.cfm

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This data element, in conjunction with Person—activities and participation life area, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN], indicates the presence and extent of activity limitation in a given domain of activity.
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Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also Person—activity and participation life area, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN] Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Activities and Participation cluster Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006