

Person—activity and participation life area, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN]

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

Person—activity and participation life area, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Activity and participation life area
METEOR identifier:	320125
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	The life area in which a person participates or undertakes activities, as represented by a code.
Context:	Human functioning and disability
Data Element Concept:	Person—activity and participation life area
Value Domain:	Activities and participation code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	AN[NNN]
Maximum character length:	5

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.

The activities and participation codes are a neutral list that covers the full range of life areas in which a person can be involved. The domains can be used to record positive or neutral experience of functioning as well as limitations and restrictions.

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 'Self care' (chapter level) and 'Looking after one's health' (3 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 respective qualifiers (Activity difficulty level, Activity Need for assistance, Participation extent and Participation satisfaction level) will use the codes as indicated.

CODE d1	Learning and applying knowledge
CODE d2	General tasks and demands
CODE d3	Communication
CODE d4	Mobility
CODE d5	Self-care
CODE d6	Domestic life
CODE d7	Interpersonal interactions and relationships
CODE d8	Major life areas
CODE d9	Community, social and civic life

Data collected at this level will provide a general description of functioning for the person 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 specific 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 is listed in the [Activities](#) and [Participation](#) component of the ICF.

An example of a value domain at the 3 digit level from the Self-care chapter may include:

CODE d510	Washing oneself
CODE d520	Caring for body parts
CODE d530	Toileting
CODE d540	Dressing
CODE d550	Eating
CODE d560	Drinking
CODE d570	Looking after one's health

An example of value domains at the 4 digit level from the Mobility chapter may include:

CODE d4600	Moving around within the home
CODE d4601	Moving around within buildings other than home
CODE d4602	Moving around outside the home and other buildings
CODE d4701	Using private motorized transportation
CODE d4702	Using public motorized transportation

The prefix **d** denotes the domains within the component of *Activities and Participation*. At the user's discretion, the prefix **d** can be replaced by **a** or **p**, to denote activities or participation respectively.

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
- Reference documents:** AIHW 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW
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>

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

- Guide for use:** This metadata item, in conjunction with Activity difficulty level code N, enables the provision of information about the presence and extent of activity limitation for any given life area; with Activity need for assistance code N, the provision of information about the need for assistance with the given life area.
- The extent of, and level of satisfaction with, participation in a given area are indicated by the use of this metadata item with the qualifiers Participation extent code N and Participation satisfaction level code N.

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 participation in a life area, code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006
- See also [Person—level of difficulty with activities in life areas, code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006
- See also [Person—level of satisfaction with participation in a life area, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006
- See also [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, code N](#)
[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
- [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) client cluster](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008
- Implementation start date:** 22/06/2007
- Conditional obligation:** Identification of an activity and participation life area is not required if the child does not have an identified need for assistance.
- DSS specific information:** In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element refers to the need for assistance as a result of an underlying long-term health condition or disability. Need for assistance is determined when a child's needs are greater than

fully functioning children of the same age.

[Children's Services NMDS](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 21/05/2010

DSS specific information:

This is used in conjunction with an indicator of the need for assistance to determine what activity and participation life area/s a child may need assistance with.

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

DSS specific information:

This data element should be reported in conjunction with the data element 'assistance with activities' regarding the level of help and/or supervision that a CSTDA service user requires.

Mapping to ICF codes.

- a) Self-care - Self-care (d510-d599)
- b) Mobility - Mobility (d410-d499)
- c) Communication - Communication (d310-d399)
- d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships - Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)
- e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands - Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299)
- f) Education - Education (d810-d839)
- g) Community (civic) and economic life - Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)
- h) Domestic life - Domestic life (d610-699)
- i) Working - Work and employment (d840-859)

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

DSS specific information:

This data element should be reported in conjunction with the data element 'assistance with activities' regarding the level of help and/or supervision that a CSTDA service user requires.

Mapping to ICF codes.

- a) Self-care - Self-care (d510-d599)
- b) Mobility - Mobility (d410-d499)
- c) Communication - Communication (d310-d399)
- d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships - Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)
- e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands - Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299)
- f) Education - Education (d810-d839)
- g) Community (civic) and economic life - Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)
- h) Domestic life - Domestic life (d610-699)
- i) Working - Work and employment (d840-859)

[Disability Services NMDs 2009-10](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

DSS specific information:

This data element should be reported in conjunction with the data element 'assistance with activities' regarding the level of help and/or supervision that a NDA service user requires.

Mapping to ICF codes.

- a) Self-care - Self-care (d510-d599)
- b) Mobility - Mobility (d410-d499)
- c) Communication - Communication (d310-d399)
- d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships - Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)
- e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands - Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299)
- f) Education - Education (d810-d839)
- g) Community (civic) and economic life - Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)
- h) Domestic life - Domestic life (d610-699)
- i) Working - Work and employment (d840-859)

[Disability Services NMDs 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

DSS specific information:

This data element should be reported in conjunction with the data element 'assistance with activities' regarding the level of help and/or supervision that a NDA service user requires.

Mapping to ICF codes.

- a) Self-care - Self-care (d510-d599)
- b) Mobility - Mobility (d410-d499)
- c) Communication - Communication (d310-d399)
- d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships - Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)
- e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands - Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299)
- f) Education - Education (d810-d839)
- g) Community (civic) and economic life - Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)
- h) Domestic life - Domestic life (d610-699)
- i) Working - Work and employment (d840-859)

[Disability Services NMDs 2011-12](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information:

This data element should be reported in conjunction with the data element 'assistance with activities' regarding the level of help and/or supervision that a NDA

service user requires.

Mapping to ICF codes.

a) Self-care - Self-care (d510-d599)

b) Mobility - Mobility (d410-d499)

c) Communication - Communication (d310-d399)

d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships - Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)

e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands - Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299)

f) Education - Education (d810-d839)

g) Community (civic) and economic life - Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)

h) Domestic life - Domestic life (d610-699)

i) Working - Work and employment (d840-859)