

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Activity and participation life area
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	320125
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 16/10/2006</li><li>• <a href="#">Disability</a>, Standard 13/08/2015</li><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 29/11/2006</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The life area in which a person participates or undertakes activities, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Human functioning and disability
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—activity and participation life area</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	AN[NNN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	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

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>

## 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](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[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

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[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2009

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[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

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[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013



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