

# Body function code (ICF 2001) AN[NNNN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	321690
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 16/10/2006 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/11/2006
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the <b>Body Functions</b> component of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2001).
<b>Context:</b>	Human functioning and disability.

## 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[NNNN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	6

## 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.

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 Exercise tolerance functions (3 digit level) and 'fatigability' (4-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 *Impairment extent code N* will use the codes as indicated.

CODE b1 Mental functions  
CODE b2 Sensory functions and pain  
CODE b3 Voice and speech functions  
CODE b4 Functions of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems  
CODE b5 Functions of the digestive, metabolic and the endocrine system  
CODE b6 Genitourinary and reproductive functions  
CODE b7 Neuromusculoskeletal and movement-related functions  
CODE b8 Functions of the skin and related structures

Data collected at this level will provide a general description of the structures 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 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 together, with definitions is listed in the [Body Functions](#) component of the ICF.

An example of a value domain at the 3 digit level from the Sensory functions and pain chapter may include:

CODE b210 Seeing functions  
CODE b230 Hearing functions  
CODE b235 Vestibular functions  
CODE b250 Taste functions  
CODE b255 Smell functions  
CODE b260 Proprioceptive functions  
CODE b265 Touch functions  
CODE b270 Sensory functions related to temperature and other stimuli  
CODE b279 Additional sensory functions, other specified and unspecified

An example of a value domain at the 4 digit level from the body function component may include:

CODE b1300 Energy level  
CODE b1400 Sustaining attention  
CODE b1442 Retrieval of memory  
CODE b1521 Regulation of emotion  
CODE b1641 Organization and planning

The prefix **b** denotes the domains within the component of *Body Functions*.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 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>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Body functions code \(ICF 2001\) N\[NNNN\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Person—body function, code \(ICF 2001\) AN\[NNNN\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006