

# Person—communication method, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Communication method
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	322186
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 27/04/2007
<b>Definition:</b>	The method of communication, including sign language, most effectively used by the person, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social inclusion, particularly in conjunction with data on country of birth and interpreter services required.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—communication method</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Communication method code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Spoken language (effective)
	2	Sign language (effective)
	3	Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
	4	Little or no effective communication
	5	Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Code 1 and 2
	The communication must be effective in that the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people, using this method.
	Code 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	This item is considered 'not applicable' to young children. Hence, children aged 0–4 years should always be represented by code '5'.
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS) collection. Data Guide: data items and definitions 2005-06.
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## Data element attributes

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

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2002. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection: data guide—data items and definitions 2002–03.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—communication method, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 29/04/2006

Has been superseded by [Person—communication method, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007

[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014