

# Service episode—duration of service, total days N[NN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Duration of service (days)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	322248
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2013 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A count of the number of days during which a person received services.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Service episode—duration of service</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total days N[NN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Day

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Measuring the duration of service, in conjunction with *Reason for cessation of services*, assists in assessing the appropriateness and effectiveness of these services. This information also facilitates interstate and cross regional comparisons of accommodation support and comparisons between different service user sub-populations.

Duration of service for a particular service type is calculated by subtracting *Service commencement date* from *Last service date*. Or, for service users who have ceased to receive services during a reporting period, *Service commencement date* should be subtracted from *Service exit date*.

For service users who received services on only one day during the reporting period (and whose *Service commencement date* and *Last service date* are reported as the same date), the duration of service should be calculated as '1'.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
National Disability Administrators

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Disability services/supports received cluster](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013  
[Disability](#), Superseded 13/08/2015  
[Disability services/supports received cluster](#)  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015