

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Duration of service (days)
METEOR identifier:	322248
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2013 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	A count of the number of days during which a person received services.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Service episode—duration of service</a>
METEOR identifier:	342974
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2013 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The length of time between the service commencement date and last service date for a service provided to a person.
Object class:	<a href="#">Service episode</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Duration of service</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Total days N[NN]</a>
METEOR identifier:	270577
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2013 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 16/03/2016 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 05/09/2016
Definition:	Total number of days.

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NN]
Maximum character length:	3
Unit of measure:	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