

Volunteer

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 327272 |
| Registration status: | Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Health , Standard 13/11/2014 Indigenous , Standard 16/09/2014 |
| Definition: | A person who willingly gives unpaid help in the form of time, service or skills through an organisation or group. |
| Context: | Voluntary work is an important contribution to national life. It meets needs within the community at the same time as it develops and reinforces social networks and cohesion. |


Collection and usage attributes

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| Comments: | <p>The reimbursement of expenses in full or part (for example, token payments) or small gifts (for example, sports club T-shirts or caps) is not regarded as payment of salary, and people who receive these are still considered to be voluntary workers.</p> <p>People who receive payment in kind for the work they do (for example, receiving farm produce as payment for work done on a farm, rather than cash) are not considered to be volunteers.</p> <p>An organisation or group is any body with a formal structure. It may be as large as a national charity or as small as a local book club. Purely ad hoc, informal and temporary gatherings of people do not constitute an organisation.</p> <p>Persons on Community Service Orders and other similar work programs are not considered volunteers.</p> |
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Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2000 <i>Voluntary Work</i> , Australia Cat No. 4441.0. Canberra: ABS |

Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | Is re-engineered from  Volunteer, version 2, DEC, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (13.8 KB) <i>No registration status</i> |
| Metadata items which use this glossary item: | Care coordination mental health service type cluster Health , Standard 13/11/2014 Counselling, support, information and referral—online mental health service type cluster Health , Standard 13/11/2014 Counselling, support, information and referral—telephone mental health service type cluster Health , Standard 13/11/2014 Counselling—face-to-face mental health service type cluster Health , Standard 13/11/2014 Education, employment and training mental health service type cluster Health , Standard 13/11/2014 Family and carer support mental health service type cluster |

[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Group support activities mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Individual advocacy mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Mental health non-government organisation establishments NBEDS 2015-](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Mental health promotion mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Mental illness prevention mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Mutual support and self-help mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Online Services Report \(OSR\) DSS 2020–21](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 07/04/2024

[Personalised support—linked to housing mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Personalised support—other mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Reason for community service cessation code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Sector development and representation mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Self-help—online mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Service integration infrastructure mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Service provider organisation—full-time equivalent staff \(volunteer/unpaid\), total N\[NNN\(.N\)\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Indigenous](#), Standard 16/09/2014

[Service provider organisation—hours worked \(volunteer/unpaid staff\), total NNNNN](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014

[Service provider organisation—hours worked \(volunteer/unpaid staff\), total NNNNN](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007

[Service provider organisation—hours worked by volunteer/unpaid staff](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Service provider organisation—hours worked by volunteer/unpaid staff, total N\[NNNNNN\]](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Service type outlet—average full-time equivalent staff \(volunteer/unpaid\), N\[NNN\(.N\)\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Service type outlet—hours worked \(volunteer/unpaid staff\), total hours NNNNN](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Superseded 17/12/2017

[Staffed residential services mental health service type cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014