

# Environmental factors

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	327286
<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>	Environmental factors make up the physical, social and attitudinal environment in which people live and conduct their lives.
<b>Context:</b>	Environmental factors are external to the individual and can have a positive or negative influence on a person's participation as a member of society, on performance of activities, or on a person's body function or structure.

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	In the ICF classification scheme Environmental factors are organised to focus on two different levels, individual and societal. Environmental factors interact with the Body structures/Body functions and Activities and participation components. A person's functioning and disability is conceived as the dynamic interaction between health conditions and environmental and personal factors.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>This glossary item is based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). The ICF was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2001 as a reference member of the WHO Family of International Classifications and of the Australian Family of Health and Related Classifications (endorsed by the National Health Information Management Group in 2002).</p> <p>The ICF provides a framework for the description of human functioning and disability. The components of ICF are defined in relation to a health condition. A health condition is an 'umbrella term for disease (acute or chronic), disorder, injury or trauma' (WHO 2001). A health condition may be recorded, for example, as Episode of care principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 3rd edn) ANN{.N[N]} and Episode of care additional diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 3rd edn) ANN{.N[N]}.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO  Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003) and the following websites • WHO ICF website <a href="http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en">http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en</a> • Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website <a href="http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html">http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html</a>

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:**

[Environmental factors code \(ICF 2001\) N\[NNN\]](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

[Extent of environmental factors influence code \(ICF 2001\) \[X\]N](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

[Extent of environmental factors influence code \(ICF 2001\) \[X\]N](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006

[Functioning and Disability DSS](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006

[Person—disability group, child protection code N\[N\]](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

[Person—disability group, code N](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Person—extent of environmental factor influence, code \(ICF 2001\) \[X\]N](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006