

Environmental factors

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition:	Environmental factors make up the physical, social and attitudinal environment in which people live and conduct their lives.
Context:	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

Guide for use:	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.
Comments:	<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

Origin:	<p>World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO</p> <p>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW</p>
Reference documents:	<p>Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003) and the following websites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHO ICF website http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en• Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html

Relational attributes

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

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

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- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
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- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006

[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