

# Person—communication method, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Communication method
METEOR identifier:	345093
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 27/04/2007 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	The method of communication, including sign language, most effectively used by the person, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Person—communication method</a>
METEOR identifier:	269643
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	The method of communication, including sign language, most effectively used by the person.
Object class:	<a href="#">Person</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Communication method</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Communication method code N</a>
METEOR identifier:	347258
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 27/04/2007 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	A code set representing methods of communication.

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
Permissible values:	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
	1	Spoken language
	2	Sign language
	3	Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODES 1, 2 and 3

The communication must be effective in that the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people, using this method.

This item is considered 'not applicable' to young children, i.e. children aged 0–4 years.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Reference documents:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2006. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS): data guide. Canberra: AIHW.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social inclusion, particularly in conjunction with data on country of birth and interpreter services required.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** CSTDA NMDS Network.

**Reference documents:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2006. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS): data guide. Canberra: AIHW.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—communication method, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007

See also [Person—effective communication indicator, code N Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016

See also [Person—effective communication indicator, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

#### **DSS specific information:**

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\) Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

#### **DSS specific information:**

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2009  
**DSS specific information:**

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.

[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2010  
**DSS specific information:**

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.

[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011  
**DSS specific information:**

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
**DSS specific information:**

This data item is used in conjunction with 'Effective communication indicator'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Spoken language (effective)
- 2 Sign language (effective)
- 3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
- 4 Little, or no effective communication
- 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015  
**DSS specific information:**

This data item is used in conjunction with 'Effective communication indicator'.

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Spoken language (effective)
- 2 Sign language (effective)

- 3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
- 4 Little, or no effective communication
- 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

#### [Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

#### **DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Spoken language (effective)
- 2 Sign language (effective)
- 3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
- 4 Little, or no effective communication
- 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

#### [Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

#### **DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

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- 4 Little, or no effective communication
- 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, report the most effective method during the reference week.

#### [Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Spoken language (effective)
- 2 Sign language (effective)
- 3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
- 4 Little, or no effective communication
- 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, report the most effective method during the reference week.

[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Spoken language (effective)
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