

# Unit of measure - Indicator

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The following information is applicable to indicators only.

## Definition

The counting unit upon which the calculations of the indicator are based.

## Development rules

Registrars will assign the unit of measure if the desired unit of measure is not available i.e. a new unit of measure must be created by the Registrar.

Valid units of measure are listed in Table 1.

Select a unit of measure using the unit of measure table. If no appropriate category exists, propose a new unit of measure using the notes facility. For value domains of representation class Time, the unit of measure is indicated within the format only. For example the Unit of Measure will be Time, but the format may be min, H, D, Y etc.

Only one unit of measure may be selected.

To propose a new unit of measure, within the propose a new unit of measure text field, state the full name of the unit of measure in singular form, followed by the unit of measure symbol (if one exists) enclosed in parentheses e.g. Hour (H).

Capitalise the first letter of the first word only, except when referring to proper nouns e.g. Degree Celsius.

A unit of measure symbol should be recognised by an International or Australian standard e.g. ISO 1000, International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM), and National Measurement Act 1960.

A unit of measure symbol must not symbolise more than one unit of measure within METEOR e.g. m refers to meter, not minute or month This rule does not apply to symbol prefixes (e.g. m also symbolises 0.001 of another unit) and when combined with the unit meter (m), will result in the valid symbol mm.

All unit of measure symbols within METEOR must be consistent e.g. m refers to metre while mm symbolises millimetre.

To assign a unit of measure to the indicator:

Click the drop down menu and select a value from the list.

Example units of measure classified by measure

Measurement	Unit of measure name	Unit of measure symbol
	Person	
	Disease type	
	Life event (e.g. birth, death)	
Currency	Australian currency	AU\$
	Service type	
	Hospital bed	
	Service contact	
	Episode	
	Service event	
	Dwelling	
	Household	
Time	Time	Second (s), Minute (min), Hour (h), Hour and minute, Day (D), Week, Year (Y)

	Day	
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