

Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2011

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Classification Scheme
Synonymous names:	ASCL 2011
METEOR identifier:	460114
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016• Community Services (retired), Standard 17/11/2011• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Health, Superseded 25/01/2018• Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018• Housing assistance, Standard 17/11/2011• Tasmanian Health, Superseded 27/06/2017
Definition:	The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) classification for the languages spoken by Australians.
Classification structure:	<p>The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) has a three-level hierarchical structure.</p> <p>Languages are grouped together into progressively broader categories on the basis of their evolution from a common ancestral language, and on the basis of geographic proximity of areas where a particular language originated.</p>

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The ASCL is intended for use in the collection, aggregation and dissemination of data relating to the language use of the Australian population, or subsets of the population.</p> <p>Indexes in alphabetical and numerical order are available, see the <i>Origin</i>: attribute.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2005. Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) 2011 . Cat No. 1267.0. Canberra: ABS. 16/8/2011.
Revision status:	If you require further information about this classification please email: standards@abs.gov.au .

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Supersedes Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 17/11/2011• Health, Superseded 17/11/2011• Housing assistance, Standard 10/02/2006 <p>Has been superseded by Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACT Health (retired), Candidate 08/08/2018• Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018• Health, Standard 25/01/2018• Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018• Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017
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**Value Domains based on
this classification scheme:**

[Language code \(ASCL 2011\) NN{NN}](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
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