

Activity and participation need for assistance cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

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Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013 [Non Dictionary]
- [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

DSS type: Data Element Cluster

Scope: These data elements are used in conjunction with each other to determine the level of assistance a person with a disability requires and the type of activity for which this assistance is needed.

The activity and participation need for assistance cluster combines the two data elements: Person—activity and participation in life area, code N and Person—activity need for assistance, code N and describes the following information:

	Unable to do or always needs help/ supervision in this life area	Sometimes needs help/ supervision in this life area	Does not need help/ supervision but uses aids or equipment.	Does not need help/ supervision and does not use aids or equipment.
Self-care				
Mobility				
Communication				
Interpersonal interactions and relationships				
Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands				
Education				
Community (civic) and economic life				
Domestic life				
Working				

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Activity and participation need for assistance cluster](#)

- [Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016
- [Health](#), Recorded 15/11/2021

Implementation in Data Set

Specifications:

[Disability and need for assistance clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

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

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

In the DS NMDS, the two data items forming this cluster are collected under one question on 'support needs'. This question records information about a person's need for help or supervision in their overall life and, as such, may not be directly relevant to the service being provided.

The need must be due to the person's disability, and should be ongoing (have lasted or be expected to last for 6 months or more). It must relate to the extent of need over and above that which would usually be expected due to their age, i.e. it should be evaluated in relation to a person of the same age without a disability.

Where support needs vary markedly over time, e.g. episodic psychiatric disability, please record the level of support needed **during the reference week**.

Mapping to ICF codes:

DS NMDS	ICF
a) Self-care	Self-care (d510-d599)
b) Mobility	Mobility (d410-d499)
c) Communication	Communication (d310-d399)
d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships	Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)
e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands	Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299)
f) Education	Education (d810-d839)
g) Community (civic) and economic life	Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)
h) Domestic life	Domestic life (d610-699)
i) Working	Work and employment (d840-859)

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15Community Services \(retired\)](#), Incomplete 23/04/2014

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

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Mapping to International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) codes:

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—activity and participation life area, disability code N	Optional	1
-	Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability code N	Optional	1