

Activity and participation need for assistance cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 621177

Registration status:

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

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 life area, disability code N](#) and [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability code N](#) and describes the following information:

	Unable to do or always needs help or supervision in this life area	Sometimes needs help/ supervision in this life area	Does not need help or supervision in this life area 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				

This disability specific activity and participation life areas code list replaces the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Australian user guide version. As this version is not directly compliant with the ICF, it does not have a superseding relationship to the ICF standard.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Activity and participation need for assistance cluster](#)

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- [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Dementia NBPDSHealth](#), Recorded 15/11/2021

[Disability Services NMDS 2015–16Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016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), the two data elements 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.

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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 International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (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 2016–17Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

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[Disability Services NMDS 2017-18Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

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Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—activity and participation life area, disability code N	Mandatory	9
-	Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability code N	Mandatory	9