

Person—interpreter service required indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Interpreter service required indicator
Synonymous names:	Need for interpreter service
METEOR identifier:	639616
Registration status:	Disability , Standard 28/09/2016
Definition:	Whether an interpreter service is required by or for the person, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—interpreter service required indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Includes verbal language, non-verbal language and languages other than English. CODE 1 Yes Use this code where interpreter services are required. CODE 2 No Use this code where interpreter services are not required. Persons requiring interpreter services for any form of sign language or other forms of non-verbal communication should be coded as 'Yes', interpreter service required.
Collection methods:	Recommended question: Do you [does the person] require an interpreter? Yes No

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—interpreter service required, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N](#)
[Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Australian Sports Injury Data Dictionary](#)
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 09/08/2023

[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—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the need for interpreter services, along with the type of the service required by the [service user](#), is collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Yes—for spoken language other than English
- 2 Yes—for non-spoken communication
- 3 No
- 9 Not stated

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The data element '[Person—communication method, code N](#)', provides the opportunity to indicate the use of sign language and the level of effective communication of the service user.

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)

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

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[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

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

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