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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 659404 |
| Registration status: | [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 20/01/2021  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 27/06/2017 |
| Definition: | The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) code set representing languages. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659337) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NNN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 4 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The ASCL has a three-level hierarchical structure. The most detailed level of the classification consists of languages which are represented by four-digit codes. The second level of the classification comprises narrow groups of languages (the Narrow group level), identified by two-digit and three-digit codes. The most general level of the classification consists of broad groups of languages (the Broad group level) and is identified by one-digit codes. The classification includes Australian Indigenous languages and sign languages.  For example, the Lithuanian language has a code of 3102. In this case 3 denotes that it is an Eastern European language, while 31 denotes that it is a Baltic language. The Pintupi Aboriginal language is coded as 8713. In this case 8 denotes that it is an Australian Indigenous language and 87 denotes that the language is a Western Desert language.  Language data may be output at the Broad group level, Narrow group level or the language level of the classification. Also, significant languages within a Narrow group can be presented separately with the remaining languages of the Narrow group aggregated. The same principle can be adopted to highlight significant Narrow groups within a Broad group. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Revision status: | The first edition of the ASCL was published in 1997. The ASCL was revised in 2005, 2011 and 2016. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Language code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/460118)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 20/01/2021  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 13/10/2011  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 13/10/2011  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 27/06/2017 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Allied health service event—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/705848)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 12/12/2018  [Individual service provider—provider's clinically proficient language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659606)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018  [Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659402)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 20/01/2021  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  [Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659407)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 27/06/2017  [Person—preferred spoken language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/666375)  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Person—preferred written language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/666389)  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Survey—language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740012)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/04/2021  [Survey—survey language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/655753)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/04/2021 |