

# Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Preferred language
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	659407
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 27/06/2017 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 25/01/2018 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—preferred language</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269744
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2006 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 01/09/2016 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 10/08/2018 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication.
<b>Context:</b>	Health and welfare services:  An important indicator of ethnicity, especially for persons born in non-English-speaking countries. Its collection will assist in the planning and provision of multilingual services and facilitate program and service delivery for migrants and other non-English speakers.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Preferred language</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Value domain attributes

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<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Language code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	659404
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 27/06/2017 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 25/01/2018 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 10/08/2018 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 20/01/2021 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Recorded 19/06/2024

**Definition:** The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) code set representing languages.

## Representational attributes

**Classification scheme:** [Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016](#)

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N[NNN]

**Maximum character length:** 4

## 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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.

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**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Reference documents:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016a. [Australian Standard Classification of Languages \(ASCL\) 2016](#). ABS cat. no.1267.0. Canberra: ABS.

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016b. [Language Standards 2016](#). ABS cat. no.1200.0.55.005. Canberra: ABS.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [Person—preferred language, code \(ASCL 2011\) NN{NN}](#),  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011  
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017

See also [Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code \(ASCL 2016\) N{NNN}](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021  
[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 19/06/2024

**Implementation in Data Set  
Specifications:**

[Aged care person cluster](#)

[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019-20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020-21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021-22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2024

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2024-25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

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[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/11/2023

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[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 10/11/2023

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[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2023

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2022-](#)

[Health](#), Standard 08/02/2023

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[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018  
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