

# Allied health service event—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Allied health service event preferred language
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	705848
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 12/12/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication during an <a href="#">allied health service event</a> , as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Allied health service event—preferred language</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	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

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

**Comments:** Use of an interpreter at the allied health service event level may be independent of the need for an interpreter at the higher episode level.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Allied Health Professions Australia

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Allied health admitted patient care NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient emergency department NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 12/12/2018