Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Level of functional independence (RUG-ADL score) |
| METEOR identifier: | 730829 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/12/2022 |
| Definition: | A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a [**Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/495909) (RUG-ADL) score-based code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—level of functional independence](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/680996)  |
| Value Domain: | [Resource Utilisation Groups–Activities of Daily Living score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/730825) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Independent or supervision only |
|   | 2 | Limited assistance |
|   | 3 | Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed |
|   | 4 | Other than two persons physical assist |
|   | 5 | Two or more persons physical assist |
| Supplementary values: | 8  | Unknown  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The [**Resource Utilisation Groups –Activities of Daily Living**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/495909) (RUG-ADL) is an assessment tool that assesses a person's motor function for activities of daily living for the following four items:

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| ***Item number*** | ***Activity of daily living*** |
| 1 | Bed mobility |
| 2 | Toileting |
| 3 | Transfers |
| 4 | Eating |

Values 1, 3, 4 and 5 are valid for items 1, 2 and 3.Values 1, 2 and 3 are valid for item 4.CODE 1 Independent or supervision onlyTasks/transfers are performed independently or with prompting from carer. No hands-on assistance is required and may be undertaken independently with the use of a device. Specifically for the activity Eating, value 1 refers to the ability to cut, chew and swallow food, independently or with supervision, once meal has been presented in the customary fashion. CODE 2 Limited assistanceRefers to the act of assistance without manual handling. It is used for the activity Eating and is not eligible for other activities.CODE 3 Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fedFor activities Bed mobility, Toileting, and Transfer value 3 refers to the act of assistance requiring manual handling (hence the inclusion of 'physical' in the title). For the activity Eating, value 3 refers to more significant assistance with feeding either through physical assistance or the use of medical assistance.CODE 4 Other than two persons physical assistFor activities Bed mobility, Toileting and Transfers value 4 refers to the use of a device for assistance and may require the additional assistance of only one other person.For the activity Bed mobility value 4 refers to use of a hoist or other assisting device to readjust position in bed and physical assist pressure relief. For the activity Toileting value 4 refers to the use of a catheter, uridome or urinal, or a colostomy, bedpan or commode chair, or insertion of enema or suppository. For the activity Transfer value 4 requires the use of a device for any of the transfers performed in the day or night. Value 4 is not eligible for the activity Eating.CODE 5 Two or more persons physical assistRefers to the requirement of two assistants to perform any step of the task/transfer. Value 5 is not eligible for the activity Eating.Scores are summed for the four ADL items: bed mobility, toileting, transfer and eating. A total RUG-ADL scores ranges from a minimum 4 and maximum 18.CODE 8 UnknownThis code should be used for Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) values that are missing or recorded in the RUG-ADL tool as '7 - Unable to rate' and '9 - Not stated/missing'. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |

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| Reference documents: | Fries BE, Schneider DP, Foley WJ, Gavazzi M, Burke R & Cornelius E 1994. Refining a case-mix measure for nursing homes: Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III). Medical Care 32(7):668–685. |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717778)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 23/12/2020Has been superseded by [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748505)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/12/2022See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups– Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699569)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/12/2019See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups–Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717986)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/12/2022       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 28/03/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735108)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022***Conditional obligation:*** Reporting of the RUG-ADL at the commencement of a mental health phase of care is mandatory for admitted and residential patients.Reporting of the RUG-ADL is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.Reporting of the RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742188)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/12/2022***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023***Conditional obligation:*** Reporting of the RUG-ADL at the commencement of a mental health phase of care is mandatory for admitted and residential patients.Reporting of the RUG-ADL is not mandatory if the response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745689) is CODE 1 'Yes'.Reporting of the RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over. |