

Person—period of difficulties experienced, time scale code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Period of difficulties experienced code
METEOR identifier:	735367
Registration status:	Health , Standard 09/12/2022
Definition:	The length of time in which difficulties have been present for a person, as represented as a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—period of difficulties experienced
Value Domain:	Time scale code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	Less than a month
	1	1-5 months
	2	6-12 months
	3	Over a year
Supplementary values:	7	Unable to rate (insufficient information)
	8	Not applicable (collection not required)
	9	Not stated/missing

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire cluster](#)
[Health, Standard 09/12/2022](#)

Conditional obligation:

Use of this data element is conditional on the version of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) ([Collection occasion—survey version, mental health code XX\[XXX\]](#)) being used. It should only be used when the version is one of:

- PC1 – Parent Report Measure for children aged 4-10 years, Baseline version, Australian Version 1
- PY1 – Parent Report Measure for children aged 11-17 years, Baseline version, Australian Version 1
- YR1 – Youth Self-report Measure, 11-17 years, Baseline version, Australian Version 1

If CODE 0 "no difficulties" is entered for [Person—assessment of overall functionality, 4-point difficulty scale code N](#), further complete this item with CODE 8 "not applicable".

If CODES 1-3 are entered for [Person—assessment of overall functionality, 4-point difficulty scale code N](#), further complete this item using permissible values provided.

DSS specific information:

This data element is collected 1 time, and collects data for mental health assessment, evaluation or screening of persons 4-17 years old.

This data element represents question 27 of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) survey, which asks:

27. How long has the individual been having difficulties?