

Person—disability type, Tertiary Collection of Student Information disability code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Disability code
METEOR identifier:	759472
Registration status:	Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022
Definition:	The type of disability a person has, as represented by a code.
Context:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI)
Data Element Concept:	Person—disability type
Value Domain:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information disability code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	11	Hard of hearing/deaf/Deaf
	12	Physical disability
	13	Intellectual disability
	14	Specific learning disability
	15	Mental health condition
	16	Acquired brain injury
	17	Low vision/Blind
	18	Medical condition
	19	Other disability
	20	Neurological condition
Supplementary values:	99	Not specified

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: *Disability* in this context does not include short-term disabling health conditions such as a fractured leg, influenza, or corrected physical conditions such as impaired vision mitigated by wearing glasses or lenses.

CODE 11 - Hard of hearing/deaf/Deaf

Refers to a person who has an acquired mild, moderate or even a severe or profound hearing loss after learning to speak, communicates orally and maximises residual hearing with the assistance of amplification. A person who is deaf has a severe or profound hearing loss from, at, or near birth and mainly relies upon vision to communicate, whether through lip reading, gestures, cued speech, finger spelling and/or sign language.

CODE 12 - Physical disability

Affects the mobility or dexterity of a person and may include a total or partial loss of a part of the body. A physical disability may have existed since birth or may be the result of an accident, illness, or injury suffered later in life; for example, amputation, arthritis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, paraplegia, quadriplegia or post-polio syndrome.

CODE 13 - Intellectual disability

Refers to low general intellectual functioning and difficulties in adaptive behaviour, both of which conditions were manifested before the person reached the age of 18. It may result from infection before or after birth, trauma during birth, or illness.

CODE 14 - Specific learning disability (SLD)

Refers to conditions of a neurological origin that cause significant difficulties in perceiving and/or processing auditory, visual or spatial information, or any combination of this information. They include disorders that impair functions such as reading (dyslexia), writing (dysgraphia) and mathematical calculation (dyscalculia).

CODE 15 - Mental health condition

Refers to a cluster of psychological and physiological symptoms that cause a person suffering or distress and which represent a departure from a person's usual pattern and level of functioning.

CODE 16 - Acquired brain injury (ABI)

Refers to an injury to the brain that results in deterioration in cognitive, physical, emotional or independent functioning. ABI can occur as a result of trauma, hypoxia, infection, tumour, accidents, violence, substance abuse, degenerative neurological diseases or stroke. ABI's may be either temporary or permanent and cause partial or total disability or psychosocial difficulties.

CODE 17 - Low vision/Blind

Refers to partial loss of sight causing difficulties in seeing, up to and including blindness. This may be present from birth or acquired as a result of disease, illness or injury.

CODE 18 - Medical condition

Refers to a temporary or permanent condition that may be hereditary, genetically acquired or of unknown origin. The condition may not be obvious or readily identifiable, yet may be mildly or severely debilitating and result in fluctuating levels of wellness and sickness, and/or periods of hospitalisation; for example, AIDS, cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, Crohn's disease, cystic fibrosis, asthma or diabetes.

CODE 20 - Neurological condition

Refers to a condition that affects the usual function of the central and peripheral nervous system, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, brain tumours or ADHD

CODE 19 - Other disability

Refers to a disability or long-term condition which is not suitably described by one or several disability types in combination.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Prior to 2021, disability was collected using a different format as per retired Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI) data element 386. Refer to:

Australian Government 2021. Tertiary collection of student information: Disability, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022. www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/386

For the history of changes to this data element prior to 2020 refer to:

Australian Government 2020. Higher Education student data collection: Element 386 - Disability, Canberra. Viewed 13 September 2022. https://heimshelp.dese.gov.au/supporting_information/386

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Government 2021. Tertiary collection of student information: Disability code, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022. www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/615

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Initial Teacher Education \(ITE\) data cluster](#)
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a student/person indicating that they have a disability.

DSS specific information:

Prior to 2021, an alternative disability indicator code was used. For more information refer to expired code e386:

Australian Government 2022. Tertiary collection of student information: Disability, Canberra. Viewed 12 September 2022. www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/386