

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of functional independence (total RUG-ADL score)
METEOR identifier:	764211
Registration status:	Health , Standard 20/12/2022 Tasmanian Health , Standard 28/03/2023
Definition:	A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a total Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living score-based code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of functional independence
Value Domain:	Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described
Unit of measure:	Score	

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The [Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living](#) (RUG-ADL) is a four item scale measuring a person's motor function for activities of daily living including:

- bed mobility
- toileting
- transfers
- eating.

Valid values for the **bed mobility**, **toileting** and **transfers** item scales:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 3 - Limited physical assistance
- 4 - Other than two persons physical assist
- 5 - Two or more person physical assist

Note: a score of 2 is not valid.

Valid values for the **eating** item scale:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 2 - Limited assistance
- 3 - Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

Note: a score of 4 or 5 is not valid.

Scores are summed for the four Activities of Daily Living (ADL) variables (i.e. bed mobility, toileting, transfers and eating) to reach a total RUG-ADL score. A total RUG-ADL score ranges from a minimum score of 4 to a maximum score of 18.

The RUG-ADL *total* score code is different from the [Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living score code N](#) as it represents the total of all the individual RUG-ADL item scores added together.

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This code should be used in circumstances where the RUG-ADL total score code can not be reported due to one or more item scales not being collected. This code is not to be used on RUG-ADL data collection forms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Reference documents: Fries BE, Schneider DP et al. 1994. Refining a case-mix measure for nursing homes: Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III). Medical Care 32: 668-685.

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living total score code N\[N\]](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 28/03/2023

See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](#)

[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2023–24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

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Conditional obligation:

Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as:

- Code 3, Palliative care; or
- Code 6, Maintenance care.

DSS specific information:

Only the [Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living](#) (RUG-ADL) scores at admission are required to be reported for maintenance care episodes.

RUG-ADL scores at palliative care phase start should be reported for all palliative care phases.

Not required to be reported for patients aged 17 and under at admission.

For episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as Code 3, Palliative care, the RUG-ADL scores must be reported for each [palliative care phase](#) if the episode of admitted patient care had more than one phase.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2024–25](#)

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

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[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2023](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 23/11/2023

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

Required when the Care Type is Palliative Care or Maintenance care