

Person—effective communication indicator, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Effective communication indicator
METEOR identifier:	345049
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 27/04/2007 Disability , Superseded 29/02/2016
Definition:	Whether a person is able to communicate more than just basic needs to unfamiliar people, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—effective communication indicator
Value Domain:	Effective communication indicator code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Effective communication
	2	Little or no effective communication
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Effective communication Ability to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people. CODE 2 Little or no effective communication Little or no ability to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people. This item is not applicable to young children aged 0–4 years.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

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Submitting organisation:	CSTDA NMDS Network.
Reference documents:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2006. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection: data guide—data items and definitions 2006–07.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Person—effective communication indicator, code N Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016

See also [Person—communication method, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

DSS specific information: This item is used in conjunction with Communication method.

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

DSS specific information: This item is used in conjunction with Communication method.

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

DSS specific information: This item is used in conjunction with Communication method.

[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

DSS specific information: This item is used in conjunction with Communication method.

[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information: This item is used in conjunction with Communication method.

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

This item is used in conjunction with 'Communication method'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Spoken language (effective)
- 2 Sign language (effective)
- 3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
- 4 Little, or no effective communication
- 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

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