Person—communication method, code N{.N}

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Communication method |
| METEOR identifier: | 493499 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013 [Non Dictionary]  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | The method of communication most effectively used by the person, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social inclusion, particularly in conjunction with data on country of birth and interpreter services required. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—communication method](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269643) |
| Value Domain: | [Communication method code N{.N}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/493497) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N{.N} | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | Spoken language |  |
|  | 1.1 | English |
|  | 1.2 | Other spoken language |
|  | Sign language |  |
|  | 2.1 | Keyword signing (e.g. Makaton) |
|  | 2.2 | Auslan or similar |
|  | 2.3 | Finger spelling |
|  | Other effective non-spoken |  |
|  | 3.1 | Written language only—English |
|  | 3.2 | Written language only—Other |
|  | 3.3 | Computer assisted |
|  | 3.4 | Symbols and pictures |
|  | 3.5 | Braille |
|  | 3.6 | Facilitated communication (with facilitator) |
|  | 3.8 | Other effective non-communication |
|  | 4 | Limited communication |
|  | 5 | No effective communication |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Child aged under 5 years (not applicable) |
|  | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | 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.  Codes 1, 2 and 3  The communication must be effective in that the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people, using this method.  Code 7     Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)  This item is considered ‘not applicable’ to young children. Hence, children aged 0–4 years should always be represented by code 7. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | Tasmanian Department of Health aand Human Services (n.d.). Development of a common assessment framework. Viewed 28 August 2012, [http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/disability/projects/ development\_of\_a\_common\_assessment\_framework](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/disability/projects/development_of_a_common_assessment_framework) |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2002. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection: data guide—data items and definitions 2002–03. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability services client details cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/484543)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015 |