

# Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Activity and participation life area (Standardised Disability Flag)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	505720
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 19/09/2013 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 28/04/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The life area in which a person participates or undertakes activities, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	The standardised disability flag aims to identify people with activity limitations through a functional/needs assessment approach across specified activity and participation life areas.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—activity and participation life area</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Activity and participation life area disability flag code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Self-care
	2	Mobility
	3	Communication
	4	Learning and applying knowledge
	5	Managing things around the home
	6	Managing tasks and handling situations
	7	Personal relationships
	8	Community life

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Self-care**

This includes showering or bathing; dressing or undressing; toileting; eating food.

**CODE 2 Mobility**

This includes moving around the house; moving around outside the home; getting in or out of a chair; using public transport.

Animals used for personal mobility (that is, guide dogs and companion animals) are generally considered to fall into the category of aids and/or equipment. Also included within this category are prosthetic and orthotic devices, wheelchairs, transfer devices, etc.

**CODE 3 Communication**

This includes understanding or being understood by other people, including people you know; using a telephone.

For this life area, a person's level of difficulty is assessed in terms of whether they can understand, or be understood, in their native language or preferred method of communication. This can include both written and verbal communication and it does not refer to situations where the respondent can't read or write because they did not have an opportunity to access education. Interpreters for language are considered to provide personal assistance, and are not considered aids and/or equipment.

**CODE 4 Learning and applying knowledge**

This includes keeping focused on things; learning new things; solving problems; making decisions.

**CODE 5 Managing things around the home**

This includes getting groceries; preparing meals; doing washing or cleaning; taking care of pets.

**CODE 6 Managing tasks and handling situations**

This includes managing daily routine; managing time; planning activities; coping with pressure or stressful situations.

**CODE 7 Personal relationships**

This includes making friends; meeting new people; showing respect to others; coping with feelings and emotions.

**CODE 8 Community life**

This includes participating in sports, leisure or religious activities; being part of a social club or organisation.

**Collection methods:**

For each of the life areas, provide examples of activities and explain to the respondent that the following questions are asked in the context of a long-term health condition or disability that has lasted, or is expected to last, 6 months or more.

Note that this is seeking to identify if, due to a long-term health condition or disability, a respondent cannot undertake everyday activities that other people in a similar age group would normally be able to carry out.

**Source and reference attributes****Origin:**

This codeset is based on the nine 'Activities and participation' domains of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (WHO 2001).

**Reference documents:**

WHO (World Health Organization) 2001. International classification of functioning, disability and health. Geneva: WHO.

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element, along with [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag code N](#), enables an assessment of a person's level of difficulty and need for assistance in life areas, leading to classification of extent of activity limitation.

In the context of health, an activity is the execution of a task or action by an individual. An activity limitation is a difficulty an individual may have in executing an activity. Activity limitation varies with the environment, and is assessed in relation to a particular environment; the absence or presence of assistance, including aids, equipment and medications, is an aspect of the environment.

For the 'Communication' life area, a person's level of difficulty is assessed in terms of whether they can understand, or be understood, in their native language or preferred method of communication.

**Collection methods:** This data element is designed for the whole mainstream population and should be used to collect information directly from the respondent, or a proxy/carer answering on their behalf. The responses are phrased in response to the question 'For each of the following activities, do you need help/supervision, have difficulty, or use aids/equipment/medication? (choose one answer for each row)'.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Is used in the formation of [Person—activity limitation, disability flag code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

Is used in the formation of [Person—extent of activity limitation, disability flag code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

See also [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

See also [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag prisoner health code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 28/04/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Activity and participation need for assistance cluster \(disability flag prisoner health\)](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 28/04/2016

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015