

# Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 509290

**Registration status:** [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** In the Specialist Homeless Services NMDS, these data elements are used together to assess the functional status of a person across a range of life areas.

The cluster combines the two data elements: *Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N* and *Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N*, to complete the following matrix:

	Always/ sometimes need help and/or supervision	Have difficulty, but don't need help/supervision	Don't have difficulty, but use aids/equipment	Have no difficulty
Self-care				
Mobility				
Communication				

## Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** It is expected that the data elements in this cluster will be used to collect information from the individual being assessed, or a proxy/carer or service worker answering on their behalf. The responses are phrased in answer to the question 'For each of the following activities, do you need help/supervision, have difficulty, or use aids/equipment? (choose one answer for each row)'.

Also required is the following preamble to the question:

'The next question is about whether a long-term health condition or disability restricts your everyday activities. A long-term health condition is one that has lasted, or is expected to last, 6 months or more. Examples of long-term health conditions that might restrict your everyday activities include severe asthma, epilepsy, hearing loss, arthritis, depression, autism, kidney disease, chronic pain, speech impairment, stroke.'

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**Conditional obligation:** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at presentation.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

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**Conditional obligation:** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

**DSS specific information:**

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

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**Conditional obligation:**

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**DSS specific information:**

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

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**Conditional obligation:**

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**DSS specific information:**

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## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N</a>	Mandatory	1