

# Activity and participation need for assistance cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 621177

**Registration status:** [Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** These data elements are used in conjunction with each other to determine the level of assistance a person with a disability requires and the type of activity for which this assistance is needed.

The Activity and participation need for assistance cluster combines the two data elements: [Person—activity and participation life area, disability code N](#) and [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability code N](#) and describes the following information:

|  | Unable to do or always needs help or supervision in this life area | Sometimes needs help/ supervision in this life area | Does not need help or supervision in this life area but uses aids or equipment. | Does not need help/ supervision and does not use aids or equipment. |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Self-care  |  |   |   |   |
| Mobility   |  |   |   |   |
| Communication  |  |   |   |   |
| Interpersonal interactions and relationships               |  |   |   |   |
| Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands |  |   |   |   |
| Education  |  |   |   |   |
| Community (civic) and economic life                        |  |   |   |   |
| Domestic life  |  |   |   |   |
| Working  |  |   |   |   |

This disability specific activity and participation life areas code list replaces the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Australian user guide version. As this version is not directly compliant with the ICF, it does not have a superseding relationship to the ICF standard.

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Activity and participation need for assistance cluster Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016  
**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the two data elements forming this cluster are collected under one question on 'support needs'. This question records information about a person's need for help or supervision in their overall life and, as such, may not be directly relevant to the service being provided.

The need must be due to the person's disability, and should be ongoing (have lasted or be expected to last for 6 months or more). It must relate to the extent of need over and above that which would usually be expected due to their age, i.e. it should be evaluated in relation to a person of the same age without a disability.

Where support needs vary markedly over time, e.g. episodic psychiatric disability, please record the level of support needed during the reference week.

Mapping to International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) codes:

| DS NMDS   | ICF   |
|---|---|
| a) Self-care  | Self-care (d510-d599)   |
| b) Mobility   | Mobility (d410-d499)  |
| c) Communication  | Communication (d310-d399)   |
| d) Interpersonal interactions and relationships               | Interpersonal interactions and relationships (d710-d799)                              |
| e) Learning, applying knowledge and general tasks and demands | Learning and applying knowledge (d110-d199) and General tasks and demands (d210-d299) |
| f) Education  | Education (d810-d839)   |
| g) Community (civic) and economic life                        | Community, social and civic life (d910-d999)  |
| h) Domestic life  | Domestic life (d610-699)  |
| i) Working  | Work and employment (d840-859)  |

[Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017  
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[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)

Disability, Superseded 05/07/2019

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| i) Working | Work and employment (d840-859) |
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[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

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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 code N</a>               | Mandatory  | 9          |
| -       | <a href="#">Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability code N</a> | Mandatory  | 9          |