

# Person—interpreter service required indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Interpreter service required indicator
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Need for interpreter service
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	639616
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 28/09/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether an interpreter service is required by or for the person, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—interpreter service required indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described 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	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use in primary data collections.
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## Data element attributes

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<b>Guide for use:</b>	Includes verbal language, non-verbal language and languages other than English. CODE 1 Yes Use this code where interpreter services are required. CODE 2 No Use this code where interpreter services are not required. Persons requiring interpreter services for any form of sign language or other forms of non-verbal communication should be coded as 'Yes', interpreter service required.
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**Collection methods:** Recommended question:  
Do you [does the person] require an interpreter?  
Yes  
No

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—interpreter service required, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016  
See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016  
See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N](#)  
[Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017  
**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the need for interpreter services, along with the type of the service required by the [service user](#), is collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Yes—for spoken language other than English
- 2 Yes—for non-spoken communication
- 3 No
- 9 Not stated

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The data element '[Person—communication method, code N](#)', provides the opportunity to indicate the use of sign language and the level of effective communication of the service user.

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019  
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#### [Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

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

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