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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 659404 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 27/06/2017[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 25/01/2018[Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018[Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 10/08/2018[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 20/01/2021 |
| Definition: | The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) code set representing languages. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/659337) |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[NNN] |
| Maximum character length: | 4 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The ASCL has a three-level hierarchical structure. The most detailed level of the classification consists of languages which are represented by four-digit codes. The second level of the classification comprises narrow groups of languages (the Narrow group level), identified by two-digit and three-digit codes. The most general level of the classification consists of broad groups of languages (the Broad group level) and is identified by one-digit codes. The classification includes Australian Indigenous languages and sign languages.For example, the Lithuanian language has a code of 3102. In this case 3 denotes that it is an Eastern European language, while 31 denotes that it is a Baltic language. The Pintupi Aboriginal language is coded as 8713. In this case 8 denotes that it is an Australian Indigenous language and 87 denotes that the language is a Western Desert language.Language data may be output at the Broad group level, Narrow group level or the language level of the classification. Also, significant languages within a Narrow group can be presented separately with the remaining languages of the Narrow group aggregated. The same principle can be adopted to highlight significant Narrow groups within a Broad group. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Revision status: | The first edition of the ASCL was published in 1997. The ASCL was revised in 2005, 2011 and 2016. |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Language code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/460118)[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 20/01/2021[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 13/10/2011[Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018[Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 10/08/2018[Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 13/10/2011[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 27/06/2017 |
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