

# Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element   |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Preferred language   |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 659407   |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 27/06/2017<br><a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 25/01/2018          |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication, as represented by a code. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Person—preferred language</a>  |
| <b>Value Domain:</b>         | <a href="#">Language code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]</a>   |

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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| <b>Classification scheme:</b>    | <a href="#">Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016</a> |
| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Code   |
| <b>Data type:</b>                | Number   |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N[NNN]   |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 4  |

## Collection and usage attributes

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| <b>Guide for use:</b> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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## Source and reference attributes

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| <b>Submitting organisation:</b> | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.

## Source and reference attributes

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

**Reference documents:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016a. [Australian Standard Classification of Languages \(ASCL\) 2016](#). ABS cat. no.1267.0. Canberra: ABS.

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016b. [Language Standards 2016](#). ABS cat. no.1200.0.55.005. Canberra: ABS.

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—preferred language, code \(ASCL 2011\) NN{NN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011  
[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017

See also [Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code \(ASCL 2016\) N{NNN}](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021  
[Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018  
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[Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2021  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021-22](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

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[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021  
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[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)  
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[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/04/2019  
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