

# Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	717984
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 18/12/2019 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 06/05/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing an individual's need for assistance with four activities of daily living.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

## Guide for use:

The [Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living](#) (RUG-ADL) is a four item scale measuring a person's motor function for activities of daily living including:

- bed mobility
- toileting
- transfers
- eating.

Valid values for the **bed mobility**, **toileting** and **transfers** item scales:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 3 - Limited physical assistance
- 4 - Other than two persons physical assist
- 5 - Two or more person physical assist

*Note: a score of 2 is not valid.*

Valid values for the **eating** item scale:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 2 - Limited assistance
- 3 - Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

*Note: a score of 4 or 5 is not valid.*

Scores are summed for the four Activities of Daily Living (ADL) variables (i.e. bed mobility, toileting, transfers and eating) to reach a total RUG-ADL score. A total RUG-ADL score ranges from a minimum score of 4 to a maximum score of 18.

The RUG-ADL *total* score code is different from the [Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](#) as it represents the total of all the individual RUG-ADL item scores added together.

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This code should be used in circumstances where the RUG-ADL total score code can not be reported due to one or more item scales not being collected. This code is not to be used on RUG-ADL data collection forms.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living total score code N\[N\]](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

See also [Person - level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

### Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person - level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living total score code N\[N\]](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 18/12/2019

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020