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## Foreword

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This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition (ISO 9999:2016), which has been technically revised. The main changes are as follows:

- deletion of class 05 was;
- major changes in class 09, class 12 and class 22.

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## Introduction

Assistive products (including software) are classified according to their function. The classification consists of three hierarchical levels and the codes each consist of three pairs of digits. Like other classifications, for each level, codes, titles, explanatory notes, inclusions, exclusions and cross-references are given. Besides the explanatory text and the classification itself, a table of conversion between the previous edition (ISO 9999:2016) and this document (ISO 9999:2022) and an alphabetical index are provided in order to facilitate the use of and to improve the accessibility of the classification.

This document has 948 titles of which about 23 are new and 116 are changed, including minor editorial revisions.

All assistive products in this classification are primarily intended for use outside of health care settings; however, some of the products can be used in facilities such as rehabilitation centres to teach clients how to use these products. It should be noted that the titles of some subclasses and divisions in class 28 refer to the “workplace”. This term does not refer to a specific setting or geographical location; instead, it refers to any setting in which employment-related activities or vocational training are performed.

The definition of “assistive product” used by this document has been revised to align it with the terminology of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF, WHO, 2018).

In 2003, ISO 9999 was accepted as a related member of the WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC). The WHO-FIC comprises high-quality classifications for relevant sectors of the health system. With this inclusion, the use of this document was stimulated.

This document makes use of the terminology of the ICF, which is a classification of health and health-related domains. These domains are classified from body, individual and societal perspectives by means of two lists: a list of body functions and structure and a list of domains of activity and participation. Since an individual's functioning and disability occurs in a context, ICF also includes a list of environmental factors. Assistive products in this list are viewed as part of the environmental factors. The ICF is one of the core classifications of the WHO-FIC (see [Annex A](#)).

An alphabetical index of terms in [Annex D](#) is provided for information to facilitate access to the classification. Terms used in inclusion statements are incorporated in the index.

**NOTE** Some of the assistive products can be classified as medical devices.



# Assistive products — Classification and terminology

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a classification and terminology of assistive products, especially produced or generally available, for persons to optimize functioning and reduce disability.

Assistive products used by a person to optimize functioning and reduce disability, but which require the assistance of another person for their operation, are included in the classification.

The following items are specifically excluded from this document:

- items used for the installation of assistive products;
- solutions obtained by combinations of assistive products that are individually classified in this document;
- medicines;
- assistive products and instruments used exclusively by healthcare professionals or by teachers;
- non-technical solutions, such as personal assistance, guide dogs or lip-reading;
- implanted devices;
- financial support.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **activity**

execution of a task or action by an individual

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

### 3.2

#### **activity limitation**

difficulties an individual can have in executing *activities* (3.1)

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

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## 3.3

**assistive product**

product that optimizes a person's functioning and reduces disability

Note 1 to entry: See [Annex B](#).

Note 2 to entry: Assistive products include devices, instruments, equipment, and software.

Note 3 to entry: Assistive products can be especially produced or generally available items.

## 3.4

**body function**

physiological functions of body systems (including psychological functions)

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

## 3.5

**body structure**

anatomical parts of the body such as organs, limbs and their components

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

## 3.6

**disability**

umbrella term for *impairments* ([3.9](#)), *activity limitations* ([3.2](#)) and *participation restrictions* ([3.12](#)) denoting the negative aspects of the interaction between an individual (with a health condition) and that individual's contextual factors (environmental and personal factors)

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

## 3.7

**environmental factor**

physical, social and attitudinal environment in which people live and conduct their lives

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

## 3.8

**functioning**

umbrella term for *body functions* ([3.4](#)), *body structures*, *activities* ([3.1](#)) and *participation* ([3.11](#)) denoting the positive aspects of the interaction between an individual (with a health condition) and that individual's contextual factors (environmental and personal factors)

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

## 3.9

**impairment**

problems in body function or structure, such as a significant deviation or loss

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

## 3.10

**person with disability**

person with one or more *impairments* ([3.9](#)), one or more *activity limitations* ([3.2](#)), one or more *participation restrictions* ([3.12](#)) or a combination thereof

## 3.11

**participation**

involvement in a life situation

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

**3.12****participation restriction**

problems an individual can experience in involvement in life situations

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

**3.13****workplace**

setting in which employment-related activities or vocational training are performed

**3.14****robot**

programmed actuated mechanism with a degree of autonomy to perform locomotion, manipulation or positioning

Note 1 to entry: A robot includes the control system and interface of the control system.

**4 Elements and rules used in classification****4.1 Principle**

The classification is based on the function of the products being classified.

Assistive products that have a principal function other than training, but which can also be used for training, are included in the class covering their primary function.

Software is classified according to its function.

Multifunctional products are also classified based on the primary function. References may be added related to secondary functions of the item.

**4.2 Construction**

The classification consists of three hierarchical levels: classes, subclasses and divisions.

Each class, subclass or division consists of a code, a title and, if necessary, an explanatory note and reference to other parts of the classification.

Explanatory notes are used to clarify the content of the class, subclass or division. Inclusions and exclusions are used to provide examples.

References are used for two purposes:

- to separate classes, subclasses or divisions from one another;
- for information, e.g. references between related products.

In general, references are made to the lowest possible level.

**4.3 Codes****4.3.1** The code consists of three pairs of digits.

The first pair of digits indicates a class, the second pair of digits a subclass and the third pair of digits a division.

For practical reasons, in this document, the classes are indicated by one pair of digits only (deleting two pairs of zeros) and subclasses are indicated by two pairs of digits (deleting one pair of zeros).