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Foreword

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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 9999:2011), which has been technically revised.

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 (2011) and this edition and an alphabetical index are provided in order to facilitate the use of and to improve the accessibility of the classification.

This edition has 945 titles of which about 44 are new and 456 are changed, including minor editorial and grammatical 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 International Standard has been revised to align it with the terminology of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).

Relation to the WHO Family of International Classifications

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 International Standard was stimulated.

This International Standard makes use of the terminology of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF, WHO, 2001). ICF 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. The ICF is one of the core classifications of the WHO-FIC (see [Annex A](#)).

A major change in this edition is a change of the titles of the classes to bring them in harmony with the terminology of the ICF.

Proposal for changes

Proposals for changes or additions to this International Standard, both in respect of existing and proposed new classes/subclasses/divisions, which take into account the given rules for classification, may be submitted to a national member body of ISO with an accompanying explanation for the proposal. See <http://www.iso.org> for addresses of national member bodies.

NOTE 1 Some of the assistive products for persons with disability can be classified as medical devices.

NOTE 2 National member bodies are encouraged to improve the accessibility of the classification by the addition of national language synonyms to the nationally implemented standard.

Assistive products for persons with disability — Classification and terminology

1 Scope

This International Standard establishes a classification and terminology of assistive products, especially produced or generally available, for persons with disability.

Assistive products used by a person with 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 International Standard:

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

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1

activity

execution of a task or action by an individual

[SOURCE: ICF 2001, WHO]

2.2

activity limitations

difficulties an individual can have in executing activities

[SOURCE: ICF 2001, WHO]

2.3

assistive product

any product (including devices, equipment, instruments and software), especially produced or generally available, used by or for *persons with disability* (2.12)

- for *participation* (2.13),
- to protect, support, train, measure or substitute for *body functions* (2.4)/structures and activities, or
- to prevent *impairments* (2.11), *activity limitations* (2.2) or *participation restrictions* (2.14)

Note 1 to entry: The definition of assistive product is in discussion at the GATE, the Global cooperation on Assistive Health Technology (a WHO initiative), and the information is given in [Annex B](#).