

Name		HEARING DISABILITY AND HANDICAP SCALE (HDHS)
Purpose:		A questionnaire used to assess the negative consequences of hearing loss in individuals.
Short description:		This is a tool aimed at identifying how much hearing loss affects a person's ability to communicate effectively, as well as how it may limit their participation in social activities and impact their quality of life.
Academic area/skills:		Audiology
Target group:		Primarily adults experiencing hearing loss.
Survey method:		An individual questionnaire containing several statements or questions related to various aspects of hearing loss, such as speech perception, experience of non-speech sounds, and participation in social activities. The questions are answered on a rating scale.
Standardization:		Standardized in English
Adapted/non-adapted to Norwegian conditions:		Adapted and validated (selection of adults with hearing difficulties)
Published:		2007
Author:		Philadelphia: Routledge, 2007
User groups/user qualifications:		Audiologists/healthcare professionals/researchers. Users of HDHS should have a good understanding of hearing loss and its potential impact on communication abilities and social interaction.
Reference:		Helvik et al (2007) Psykometric Evaluation of the Hearing Disability and Handicap Scale