

Person (address)—Australian postcode

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269894

Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006

Definition: The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a person.

Context: Postcode is an important part of a person's postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location. Postcode may assist with uniquely identifying a person.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Person](#)

Definition: A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd

Reference documents: Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>

ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Australian postcode
Definition:	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place.
Context:	Postcode is an important part of a postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location.
Property group:	Location characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Standards Australia Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Address—Australian postcode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Health (retired), Candidate 19/07/2018 • Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016 • Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 14/10/2015 • Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018 • Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012 • Disability, Standard 07/10/2014 • Early Childhood, Standard 09/03/2012 • Health, Standard 07/12/2011 • Homelessness, Standard 02/05/2013 • Housing assistance, Standard 02/05/2013 • Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 31/10/2012 • Indigenous, Standard 13/03/2015 • National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016 • Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/09/2016 • WA Health, Standard 06/03/2014 • Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022
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Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:	Person (address)—Australian postcode (Postcode datafile), code NNN[N] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services (retired), Superseded 25/08/2005 • Health, Superseded 04/05/2005 Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services (retired), Superseded 06/02/2012 • Early Childhood, Superseded 09/03/2012 • Health, Superseded 07/12/2011 • Homelessness, Superseded 30/05/2013 • Housing assistance, Superseded 30/05/2013
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