



- 6 Tasmania
- 7 Northern Territory
- 8 Australian Capital Territory
- 9 Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)

SLA to be coded or derived from the residential address. Where the complete residential address is not collected, then suburb and postcode provide the minimum requirement for derivation of Statistical Local Area. If collection of both these items is not possible then postcode is the preferred option.

The accurate recording of the State or Territory of residence is essential for all persons. If the person is not resident in Australia, i.e. lives in another country, or at sea, or has no fixed address, local codes may be used to capture this information. However, for national reporting purposes the item should be coded as follows:  
State/Territory as 0 = not applicable  
SLA left blank

If the SLA of interstate persons is not recorded or derived by a health authority, local codes may be used in the SLA field. For national reporting purposes the items should be coded as follows:  
State/Territory as appropriate, e.g. 1 = New South Wales  
SLA left blank.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Area of usual residence version 1 has been superseded by Area of usual residence version 3

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### *Administrative Attributes*

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Comments: Both the SLA and State/Territory codes are required as the SLA codes are not unique across the country. The SLA code plus the State/Territory code gives a unique geographic location.

Current collection of information in regard to the person's usual residence varies from State to State but only the New South Wales Health Department has information on SLAs for all patients irrespective of State of residence. For all health authorities to provide this level of information, establishments will be required to supply as a minimum both suburb and postcode. This would enable mapping at the health authority level and facilitate collection of SLAs at a national level.

