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# Establishment identifier

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**Important note: This is an archived metadata standard from the AIHW Knowledgebase. For current metadata standards and related information please access METeOR, the AIHW's Metadata Online Registry at <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au>**

## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000050                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 30-JUN-97  
Definition: Identifier for the establishment in which episode or event occurred. Each separately administered health care establishment to have a unique identifier at the national level.  
Context: Institutional health care: To enable analyses based on geographic location of establishment and / or establishment type (public or private). Recommended by the National Committee on Health and Vital Statistics (1979).

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form: IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
Representation layout: NNANNN  
Minimum Size: 6  
Maximum Size: 6  
Data Domain: NOVAL      A combination of code for State, Establishment type, Region, and Establishment number as shown in Guide for use.  
Guide For Use: If data supplied on computer media, this item is only required once in the header information. If information is supplied manually, this item should be provided on each form submitted.  
  
Six characters - detailed type derived from hospital / agency number.  
  
State identifier - one character  
1 New South Wales  
2 Victoria

- 3 Queensland
- 4 South Australia
- 5 Western Australia
- 6 Tasmania
- 7 Northern Territory
- 8 Australian Capital Territory
- 9 Other territories (Cocos (Keeling Islands), Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)

Establishment type - one character, for example:

- 1 Public
- 2 Private
- 3 Repatriation

Region - one character

Establishment number - three characters

Related metadata: has been superseded by Establishment identifier version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

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Comments: This data item must be used in a manner compatible with the classification of establishments. A residential establishment is considered to be separately administered if managed as an independent institution for which there are financial, budgetary and activity statistics. For example, if establishment-level data for components of an area health service are not available separately at a central authority, this is not grounds for treating such components as a single establishment unless such data are not available at any level in the health care system.

This item is now being used to identify hospital contracted care. The use of this item will lead to reduced duplication in reporting patient activity and will enable linkage of services to one episode of care. Used for quality assurance and auditing of data reported as contracted care.

### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Organisation characteristic

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-89 to 30-Jun-97

NMDS - Public hospital establishments

From 01-Jul-89 to 30-Jun-97

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