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# Postcode

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000530                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NCSIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-JUL-98  
Definition: The post code for the address at which the person resides  
Context: Postcode can be used as a means of coding a persons area of usual residence.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: NNNN  
Minimum Size: 4  
Maximum Size: 4  
Data Domain: NOVAL      Valid Australia Post postal code.  
Guide For Use: The postcode should be for the persons usual place of residence, not for a postal address different from that of the physical address. The postcode book is updated more than once annually as postcodes are a dynamic entity and are constantly changing.

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Postcode book, Issue 21, April 1997  
Source Organisation: Australia Post

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Comments: The ABS has suggested that the Australian Standard Geographical Classification is the most appropriate way in which to classify this information based on codes of standard geographic areas.

Was ID. 000030 (500 added to avoid NHDD DE with same ID.).

## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*  
*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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