Postal delivery point identifier

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: Int. NCSDD & NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 002022   Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NCSIMG & NHIMG

Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: A unique number assigned to a postal address as recorded on the Australia Post Postal Address File (PAF).

Context:

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N(8)

Minimum Size: 0

Maximum Size: 8

Data Domain: NOVAL   Valid Postal Delivery Point Identifier (PDPID) Code or blank.

Guide For Use: Australia Post maintains a Postal Address File (PAF) database which contains Australian postal delivery addresses and their corresponding eight (8) character unique identification number known as a Delivery Point Identifier (DPID). While the PAF is concerned with postal address, for many persons' a postal address will be the same as their residential address. The PAF can be used to improve the recording of address data at the time of data entry.
The Postal Address File may be used at the time of data entry to confirm that the combined data elements of Address line, Suburb/town/locality name, Australian State/Territory Identifier and Postcode - Australian are accurately recorded.

Verification Rules: Field may be blank (where the person's address is not a recognised Australia Post delivery address).

Collection Methods: The DPID is assigned electronically to recognised Australia Post delivery addresses following reference to the PAF database.

Related metadata: supersedes the NHDD data element Postal delivery point identifier version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Standards Australia 2002. Australian Standard AS5017-2002 Health Care Client Identification. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Source Organisation: Standards Australia,
Health Data Standards Committee,
National Community Services Data Committee.

Comments: This metadata item is common to both the National Community Services Data Dictionary and the National Health Data Dictionary. In October 1999, Australia Post introduced a bar-coding system for bulk mail lodgements. Agencies or establishments can use software to improve the quality of person address data it collects and records and, at the same time, receive financial benefits by reducing its postage expenses.
The DPID is easily converted to a bar code and can be included on correspondence and address labels. If the bar code is displayed on a standard envelope that passes through a mail-franking machine (e.g. as used by most major hospitals), the postage cost is reduced. Every three months, Australia Post provides updates to the PAF database. For more information, contact Australia Post.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM   Address

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

DSS - Health care client identification   From 02-Sep-03 to