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# Address line

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000501                      Version number: 3  
Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NCSIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: A set of descriptors identifying the geographic location of a person, organisation, object or place.  
Context: Required for primary collection to facilitate contact with the client, person or service provider.  
May also be used to map to the ABS Australian Standard Geographical Classifications (ASGC) using the National Localities Index (also produced by the ABS). This information can then be used to compare aggregate data to other information on an SLA basis, for example. Similarly, postcode can be obtained from an address for comparison with other information available on a postcode basis.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form: TEXT  
Representation layout: A(180)  
Minimum Size: 0  
Maximum Size: 180  
Data Domain: NOVAL                      Concatenation of:  
Unit number  
Number  
Street  
Suburb/town/locality name  
Australian State/Territory identifier  
Postcode - Australian  
Country

Guide For Use: Multiple addresses may be held. Each address must be attributed to either one 'Party' or to one 'Party in a role' or to one 'Actual

setting'.

Unit number: Also known as flat number, and floor/level type and number, this is a specification of the type of a separately identifiable portion within a building/complex or marina with it's associated number or identifier to clearly distinguish it from another.

Number: May refer to a street number where it is the numeric reference of a house or property. Or, it may refer to the lot number where a lot number is allocated to an address prior to street numbering. Or, it may refer to a roadside mailbox number (RMB).

Street: This should include the full street name to identify the street location.

Related metadata: supersedes previous derived data element Address version 2  
is derived from Australian postcode version 1  
is derived from Australian State/Territory identifier version 4  
is derived from Suburb/ town/ locality name version 2  
relates to the data element concept Address version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

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Source Organisation: Standards Australia  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Comments: A complete implementation of Address, including the related data elements, is currently under development in coordination with Standards Australia, Australian Bureau of Statistics, National Health Data Committee and the National Community Services Information Management Group.

There are differences in interpretation of what constitutes a person's 'usual' address, if this is required. For example, the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement Minimum Data Set and the National Information Management System for disability employment services specify usual residence as 'residing at this address for at least 4 days of the week'. The ABS Population Census specifies 'Usual address' to be an address that the person has been living in or is likely to live in for at least six months.

### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

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*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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