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# Geographic identifier

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000573                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED                      Effective date: 01-SEP-03  
Definition: A classification scheme that divides an area into mutually exclusive sub-areas based on geographic location.  
Some geographic indicators are:  
- Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)  
Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat. No. 1216.0  
- Administrative regions  
- Electorates  
- Postcode  
- Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA)  
- Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area Classification (RRMA)  
- Country  
See Information Annex 4.3 on Geographical Indicators  
Context: To enable the analysis of data on a geographical basis. Facilitates analysis of service provision in relation to demographic and other characteristics of the population of a geographic area.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:  
Related metadata:    relates to the data element Address version 2  
                          relates to the data element Geographical location version 2  
                          relates to the data element Postcode version 2  
                          has been superseded by Geographic indicator version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: See Information Annex 4.3 on Geographical indicators.

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## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NCSIM

Address

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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