Address

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NCSDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000501	Version number:	2
Metadata type:	DERIVED DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NCSIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-SEP-03

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 of an SLA basis for example. Similarly postcode can be obtained from Address for comparison with other information available on a postcode basis.
See Information Annex 4.3 for further details regarding Geographical Indicators.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Alphanumeric	
Representational form:	TEXT	
Representation layout:	N	
Minimum Size:	0	
Maximum Size:	40	
Data Domain:	NOVAL	Concatenation of: Unit number, Number, Street, City / Town, State / Territory, Postcode, 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 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 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 data element Address version 1
relates to the data element concept Geographic identifier version 1
relates to the data element Geographical location version 2
relates to the data element Postcode version 2
relates to the data element State / Territory identifier version 1
relates to the data element Suburb / town / locality name version 1
has been superseded by Address line version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Standard (1999) Interchange of client information. AS 4590.

Source Organisation: Standards Australia
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: A complete implementation of Address, including the related data elements, is currently under development in coordination with Standards Australia, ABS, NHDC and the NCSDC.
There are differences in interpretation of what constitutes a person's 'usual' address, if this is required. For example, the Commonwealth State 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