Postcode

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD

Knowledgebase ID: 000890   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHDAMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

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Definition: Postcode is one of a number of geographic indicators that can be used to determine a location of a person, dwelling, agency, etc.

Context: Postcode can be used as a means of coding a person's area of usual residence or the location of a dwelling, agency or organisation. It can be mapped to ASGC codes using an ABS concordance to determine Statistical Local Area (SLA) for example.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: NNNN

Minimum Size: 4

Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAL   Valid Australian Post postal code

Guide For Use: The postcode book is updated more than once annually as postcodes are a dynamic entity and are constantly changing.

Collection Methods: May be collected as part of Address or separately. Postal addresses may be different from where a person actually resides, or a service is actually located.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Address version 1
relates to the data element Area of residence version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation:

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element