

relates to the data element Suburb/town/locality version 1
relates to the data element Postal delivery point identifier version 1
relates to the data element State/Territory identifier version 3
relates to the data element Address type version 1
has been superseded by Int. NCSDD & NHDD Postcode -
Australian version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: AS5017 Health Care Client Identification

Source Organisation: Standards Australia

Comments: Australian administered territories and islands each have an
Australia Post postcode:

Jervis Bay	2540
Lord Howe Island	2898
Norfolk Island	2899
Christmas Island	6798
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	6799
Macquarie Island	7151

Postal addresses may be different from where a person actually resides, or a service is actually located. As many postcodes have more than one SLA, postcode alone is not a sufficient basis for accurate coding of SLA in many cases.

Cardiovascular disease (clinical):

Postcode can also be used in association with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) index (Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia - CD-ROM Latest Issue: Aug 1996 was released on 30/10/1998) to derive socio-economic disadvantage, which is associated with cardiovascular risk.

People from lower socio-economic groups are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than those from higher socio-economic groups. In 1997, people aged 25 - 64 living in the most disadvantaged group of the population died from cardiovascular disease at around twice the rate of those living in the least disadvantaged group (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2001. Heart, stroke and vascular diseases- Australian facts 2001.). This difference in death rates has existed since at least the 1970s.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Address element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

DSS - Cardiovascular disease (clinical) From 01-Jan-03 to 01-Sep-03

DSS - Health care client identification From 01-Jan-03 to 01-Sep-03
