Australian postcode

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000788 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 01-SEP-03

Definition: The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with

locality, suburb or place for the address of a party (person or

organisation), as defined by Australia Post.

Context:

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation NNNN

layout:

Minimum Size: 4 Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAI Valid Australia Post Postal Code or blank.

Guide For Use: Postcode may be used as a means of coding a person's area of

usual residence or where an agency or organization is usually

located. It can be mapped to ASGC codes using an ABS

concordance to determine SLA.

Verification Rules: This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode

File (see the World Wide Web at:

www.auspost.com.au/postcodes). Alternatively, contact State or

Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

Collection Methods: Leave Postcode blank for:

-Overseas health care clients -Unknown person address

-No fixed address.

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Labour force status version 1

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to the data element State/Territory identifier version 3 relates to the data element Address type version 1 has been superseded by Int.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