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# Postal delivery service number

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 001018 Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The specification of the identification of a postal delivery service such as General Post Office Box, Community Mail Bag, etc. to clearly distinguish it from another when applicable.  
Context: Australian addresses.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form: TEXT  
Representation layout: AN(11)  
Minimum Size: 0  
Maximum Size: 11  
Guide For Use: The identification of a postal delivery service may be composed of a prefix, a number, and a suffix as per the following format:  
Prefix A(3)  
Number N(5)  
Suffix A(3)  
May optionally include a prefix and suffix which are non-numeric.  
The identification may also not be required for certain services.  
Examples: PO BOX C96  
CARE PO  
RMB 123  
GPO BOX 1777Q  
Collection Methods: To be collected in conjunction with Postal delivery service type - abbreviation.  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Postcode - Australian version 3  
relates to the data element Australian State/Territory identifier

version 4  
relates to the data element Suburb/ town/ locality name version 2  
relates to the data element Postal delivery service type -  
abbreviation version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: AS4590 Interchange of client information.  
Source Organisation: Health Data Standards Committee.

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### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Address element

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

DSS - Health care client identification From 25-Feb-04 to

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