
Suburb/ town/ locality name

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: Int. NCSDD & NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 002026 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG & NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The full name of the general locality containing the specific address.
Context: In conjunction with the data element Postcode-Australian, the data element Suburb/town/locality name is included as an alternative means of reporting information about the geographic location of the residence of a client, or an agency/establishment or where an event occurred. The preferred standard for reporting this information is by using a statistical local area (SLA) in conjunction with a State/Territory code. However, as some agencies may have difficulty allocating SLA codes to the residential locations of their clients without more computerised assistance than is currently available to them, agencies may be given the option of reporting this information by using Postcode-Australian plus Suburb/town/locality name.
Suburb/town/locality name may also be a component of a postal address.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphabetic
Representational form: TEXT
Representation layout: A(50)
Minimum Size: 0
Maximum Size: 50
Data Domain: NOVAL Name of suburb/town/locality
Guide For Use: The suburb/town/locality name may be a town, city, suburb or commonly used location name such as a large agricultural property or Aboriginal community.
The Australian Bureau of Statistics has suggested that a

maximum field length of 50 characters should be sufficient to record the vast majority of locality names.

This item may be used to describe the location of person, organisation or event. It can be a component of a street or postal address.

Collection Methods: Enter 'Unknown' when the locality name or geographic area for a person or event is not known.
Enter 'No fixed address' when a person has no fixed address or is homeless.

Related metadata: relates to the NCSDD data concept Agency version 1
relates to the NCSDD data concept Address version 2
supersedes the NCSDD data element Suburb/ town/ locality name version 1
supersedes the NHDD data element Suburb/town/locality version 1
is used in the derivation of NHDD Postal delivery point identifier version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Standards Australia 2002. Australian Standard AS5017-2002 Health Care Client Identification. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Source Organisation: Health Data Standards Committee.
National Community Services Data Committee.

Comment: This metadata item is common to both the National Community Services Data Dictionary and the National Health Data Dictionary.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Address

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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