

Person (address)—address type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Address type (person)
METEOR identifier:	286728
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/02/2012 Health , Superseded 05/10/2016
Definition:	A code set representing a type of address, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person (address)—address type
METEOR identifier:	269492
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/02/2012 Health , Superseded 05/10/2016
Definition:	The type of geographical/physical location where a person can be located.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Address type

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Address type code N
METEOR identifier:	286642
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/02/2012 Health , Superseded 05/10/2016
Definition:	A code set representing a type of address.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Business
	2	Mailing or postal
	3	Residential
	4	Temporary residential
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown/Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Business

This code is used to indicate an address that is the physical location of a business, an office or from where a service is delivered.

CODE 2 Mailing or postal

This code is used to indicate an address that is only for correspondence purposes.

CODE 3 Residential

This code is used to indicate where a person is living. Note that this code is not valid for organisations.

CODE 4 Temporary residential

Temporary accommodation address (such as for a person from rural Australia who is visiting an oncology centre for a course of treatment, or a person who usually resides overseas). Note that this is not valid for organisations.

CODE 9 Unknown/Not stated/inadequately described

This code may also be used where the person has no fixed address or does not wish to have their residential or a correspondence address recorded.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

A single address may have multiple address types associated with it. Record as many as required.

Collection methods:

At least one address must be recorded (this may be an unknown Address type). Health care establishments should always attempt to collect the residential address of a person who is a health care client when a service is provided. When recording the address for a health care provider or organisation, the business address should always be collected. In addition, other addresses may also need to be recorded for individuals and organisations.

Overseas address:

For individuals record the overseas address as the residential address and record a temporary accommodation address as their contact address in Australia.

Comments:

'No fixed address' is coded as unknown because it (the concept) is not a type of address for a person but is an attribute of the person only i.e. it is not a location for which an address may be derived. It is not recommended that an implementation collects this attribute as an address type. A person not having a fixed address constrains the number of address types that can be collected i.e. temporary accommodation and residential address types cannot be collected. However, if it is imperative that this occurs, it is suggested that code 9 be used.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:

Standards Australia

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin:

AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia

Reference documents:

AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia
In AS4846 and AS5017 alternative alphabetic codes are presented. Refer to the current standard for more details.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person \(address\)—address type, code A](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

Has been superseded by [Address—purpose of address, code AA\[A\]](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Health care client identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

[Health care client identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013

[Health care provider identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

[Health care provider identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

[Health care provider identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013