

Person (address)—postal delivery point identifier, {N(8)}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Postal delivery point identifier (person)
Synonymous names:	Australian delivery point identifier
METEOR identifier:	287220
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 06/02/2012• Health, Superseded 05/10/2016
Definition:	A unique number assigned to a person's postal address as recorded on the Australia Post Postal Address File (PAF).
Data Element Concept:	Person (address)—postal delivery point identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	Number
Format:	{N(8)}
Maximum character length:	8

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Customer Barcoding Technical Specifications, 1998: Australia Post
Reference documents:	AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Australia Post maintains a Postal Address File (PAF) database which contains Australian postal delivery addresses and their corresponding eight (8) character unique identification number known as a Delivery Point Identifier (DPID). While the PAF is concerned with postal address, for many persons' a postal address will be the same as their residential address. The PAF can be used to improve the recording of address data at the time of data collection.

The Postal Address File may be used at the time of data collection to confirm that the combined metadata items of address line, suburb/town/locality, Australian state/territory identifier and postcode - Australian are accurately recorded.

Collection methods: The Delivery Point Identifier (DPID) is assigned electronically to recognised Australia Post delivery addresses following reference to the Postal Address File (PAF) database.

Comments: In October 1999, Australia Post introduced a bar-coding system for bulk mail lodgements. Agencies or establishments can use software to improve the quality of person address data it collects and records and, at the same time, receive financial benefits by reducing its postage expenses.

The DPID is easily converted to a bar code and can be included on correspondence and address labels. If the bar code is displayed on a standard envelope that passes through a mail-franking machine (e.g. as used by most major hospitals), the postage cost is reduced. Every three months, Australia Post provides updates to the PAF database. For more information, contact Australia Post.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Standards Australia

Origin: National Health Data Standards Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

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

Reference documents: AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2006, Sydney: Standards Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person \(address\)—postal delivery point identifier, {N\(8\)}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
- [Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

Has been superseded by [Address—postal delivery point identifier, identifier {N\(8\)}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

Is formed using [Person \(address\)—suburb/town/locality name, text A\[A\(49\)\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

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](#)
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