Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	287222
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Superseded 06/02/2012
	Early Childhood, Superseded 09/03/2012
	Health, Superseded 07/12/2011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, Standard 10/02/2006
	Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015
Definition:	The Postcode datafile code set representing Australian postcodes as defined by Australia Post.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	{NNNN}
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	Postcode - Australian may be used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion from postcodes to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) postal areas. This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets postcode is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (e.g. Statistical Local Area (SLA)) is not always possible.
	When dealing with aggregate data, postal areas, converted from postcodes, can be mapped to Australian Standard Geographical Classification codes using an ABS concordance, for example to determine SLAs. It should be noted that such concordances should not be used to determine the SLA of any individual's postcode. Where individual street addresses are available, these can be mapped to ASGC codes (e.g. SLAs).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) NNN[N]](#)
	[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
	[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

Has been superseded by [Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile - Tasmanian variation) {NNNN}](#)

    [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016

Has been superseded by [Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)

    [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
    [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
    [Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
    [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
    [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
    [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
    [Housing assistance](#), Standard 02/05/2013
    [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
    [Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018
    [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
    [WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014
    [Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Dwelling—Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)
    [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)
    [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
    [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
    [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
    [Homelessness](#), Superseded 30/05/2013
    [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/05/2013

[Service provider organisation (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
    [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
    [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
    [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
    [Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Workplace (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)
    [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

Classification scheme attributes

Classification scheme:	[Postcode datafile](#)
METEOR identifier:	270561
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.

Registration status:
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](), Standard 22/11/2016
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](), Standard 20/06/2018
[Community Services (retired)](), Standard 01/03/2005
[Disability](), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health](), Standard 01/03/2005
[Homelessness](), Standard 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](), Standard 10/02/2006
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](), Standard 31/10/2012
[Indigenous](), Standard 13/03/2015
[Tasmanian Health](), Standard 01/09/2016
[WA Health](), Standard 06/03/2014
[Youth Justice](), Standard 15/02/2022

Context: Postcode is an important part of a persons or organisations postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location. Postcode may assist with uniquely identifying a person or organisation.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australia Post Postcode book. Reference through: https://auspost.com.au/postcode