

Service provider organisation (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Postcode—Australian (service provider organisation)
METEOR identifier:	290064
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/02/2012 Early Childhood , Superseded 09/03/2012 Health , Superseded 07/12/2011 Housing assistance , Superseded 01/05/2013 Indigenous , Superseded 13/03/2015
Definition:	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of an organisation, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Service provider organisation (address)—Australian postcode
Value Domain:	Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Postcode datafile
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	{NNNN}
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	May be collected as part of Address line or separately. Postal addresses may be different from where a service is actually located.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Standards Australia

Origin: National Health Data Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Australia Post Postcode book. Reference through:

<http://www1.auspost.com.au/postcodes/>

Reference documents: AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia
AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile - Tasmanian variation\) {NNNN}](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016

Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, 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 01/05/2013
[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 04/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

DSS specific information:

In the CSTDA NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of the location of the service type outlet address and not the postal address.

If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person.

If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

This data element is reported by funding departments in relation to all service type outlets.

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

DSS specific information:

In the CSTDA NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of the location of the service type outlet address and not the postal address.

If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person.

If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

This data element is reported by funding departments in relation to all service type

outlets.

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

DSS specific information:

In the DS NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of the location of the service type outlet address and not the postal address.

If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person.

If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

This data element is reported by funding departments in relation to all service type outlets.

[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

DSS specific information:

In the DS NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of the location of the service type outlet address and not the postal address.

If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person.

If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

This data element is reported by funding departments in relation to all service type outlets.

[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information:

In the DS NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of the location of the service type outlet address and not the postal address.

If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person.

If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

This data element is reported by funding departments in relation to all service type outlets.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2010](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2011](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information: Should be reported for the physical location at which the preschool program is delivered only.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2011](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information: Should be reported for the physical location at which

the preschool program is delivered only.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2010](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information: Should be reported for the physical location at which the preschool program is delivered only.

[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

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2012-14](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2014-15](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Juvenile Justice Centre file cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 14/09/2009

Implementation start date: 24/09/2009

[Juvenile Justice Detention file cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 14/09/2009

Implementation start date: 24/09/2009

[Juvenile Justice NMDS 2007](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 19/05/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

DSS specific information:

This information should be recorded on entry to each juvenile justice episode for the client.

This data standard is implemented twice in the Juvenile Justice NMDS. It is collected for the following two items:

- the postcode of the organisational unit within the juvenile justice department that is responsible for the direct supervision or case management of the juvenile justice client;
- the postcode of the location of the juvenile justice remand or detention centre in which the client is being held.

The agency may be an area or regional office within the juvenile justice Department where the juvenile justice worker who is responsible for supervision of the client is located. If the client is in custody in a juvenile justice remand/detention centre then the postcode of that remand or detention centre where the client is being held should be recorded. If a client is involved with several agencies during a juvenile justice episode then the one with the primary role, or the one involved with the juvenile for the longest period, should be recorded.

In some jurisdictions an Indigenous community may be responsible for the actual supervision of the juvenile. In this case, the postcode of the community location should be recorded.

Where a detention centre has two locations but is administered as one centre, the postcode of the centre which is responsible for administration (i.e. responsible for admissions and discharges) should be recorded.

[SAAP Administrative National Minimum Data Set \(NMDS\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2011

DSS specific information: This item is collected for the postal address of the SAAP agency and for the postal address of the Auspice. An agency may or may not be responsible to an Auspice (the governing body).

[Service provider organisation address details cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

DSS specific information: Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".

[Service provider organisation cluster \(Mainstream community housing\)](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

[Health](#), Recorded 28/04/2010

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

[Health](#), Recorded 28/04/2010

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) cluster 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

[Specialist Homelessness Establishment Database - SHED](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 14/10/2010

DSS specific information:

This item will be collected for the postal address of legal entity.

This item will be collected for both the postal and physical address of an agency.