

# Service provider organisation (address)—postal delivery point identifier, {N(8)}

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Postal delivery point identifier (service provider organisation)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	290141
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 06/02/2012 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 05/10/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	A unique number assigned to a service provider organisation's postal address as recorded on the Australia Post Postal Address File (PAF).
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Service provider organisation (address)—postal delivery point identifier</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Postal delivery point identifier {N(8)}</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	Customer Barcoding Technical Specifications, 1998: Australia Post
<b>Reference documents:</b>	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

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

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Standards Australia
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**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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Address—postal delivery point identifier, identifier {N\(8\)}](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Recorded 27/06/2023  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

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[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

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Health care provider identification DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

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