

Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Housing assistance agency postcode
METEOR identifier:	302060
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 01/05/2013
Definition:	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a housing assistance agency.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode
METEOR identifier:	302058
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 01/05/2013
Definition:	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a housing assistance agency.
Context:	Postcode is an important part of a housing assistance agency's 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 housing assistance agency.
Object class:	Housing assistance agency
Property:	Australian postcode

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}
METEOR identifier:	287222
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Health , Superseded 07/12/2011 Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/02/2012 Early Childhood , Superseded 09/03/2012 Indigenous , Superseded 13/03/2015
Definition:	The Postcode datafile code set representing Australian postcodes as defined by Australia Post.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Postcode datafile
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).

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Geographic postcodes showing location or suburb should be used. Special postcodes for organisations, e.g. postal box postcodes, should not be used.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

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