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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 327278 |
| Registration status: | [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 08/05/2006[Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 28/05/2014[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005[Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 13/03/2015 |
| Definition: | The referential description of a location where an entity is located or can be otherwise reached or found. |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Comments: | The following attributes are commonly used in the formation of a full address:* Address line; (address line is a composite data element containing many attributes of the specific location of a full address - see the current version of the Address line metadata item for further description and a list of its components for addresses located in Australia)
* Address type
* Australian state/territory identifier
* Country identifier
* Non-Australian State/province
* Postal delivery point identifier
* Postcode - Australian
* Postcode - international
* Suburb/town/locality

Some attributes of an address, located within Australia, also provide the elements to determine the [**Statistical Local Area**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327460) (SLA) (Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ABS cat. no. 1216.0, effective up until 1 July 2011)) or the Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ABS cat. nos. 1270.0.55.001 to 1270.0.55.005, effective from 1 July 2011)). This enables:* comparison of the use of services by persons residing in different geographical areas,
* characterisation of catchment areas and populations for facilities for planning purposes, and
* documentation of provision of services to clients who reside in other states or territories. The address is also a relevant element in the unambiguous identification of a Health Care Client and a Health Care Provider.
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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Health Data Standards Committee |
| Reference documents: | AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards AustraliaAS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Address (community services)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327174)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 08/05/2006Is re-engineered from  [Address, version 2, DEC, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274124) (15.3 KB)       *No registration status* |
| Metadata items which use this glossary item: | [Address—address line, text X[X(179)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/594217)       [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023       [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 24/07/2018       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/03/2015       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 10/05/2019       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 13/03/2015[Dwelling—address line, text [X(180)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/463280)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013[Lung cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430950)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015[Lung cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/599613)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015[Person (address)—address line, text X[X(179)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/286620)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/09/2005       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 04/05/2005[Person and provider identification in healthcare National Best Practice Data Set](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/529511)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016[Service provider organisation (address)—address line, text X[X(179)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290315)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/09/2005       [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 24/07/2018       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 13/03/2015 |