

# Address

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 327278

**Registration status:**

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 08/05/2006
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 28/05/2014
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Housing assistance](#), Recorded 01/10/2012
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015

**Definition:** The referential description of a location where an entity is located or can be otherwise reached or found.

## 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](#) (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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Health Data Standards Committee

**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Supersedes [Address, version 2, DEC, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.3 KB) *No registration status*

Supersedes [Address \(community services\)](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 08/05/2006

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

[Address—address line, text X\[X\(179\)\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 02/01/2019
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 13/03/2015
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015

[Dwelling—address line, text X\(180\)\]](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

[Person \(address\)—address line, text X\[X\(179\)\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
- [Health](#), Standard 04/05/2005

[Person and provider identification in healthcare National Best Practice Data Set](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Service provider organisation \(address\)—address line, text X\[X\(179\)\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2015
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Incomplete 12/09/2012

[Statistical Local Area](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2006
- [Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
- [Health](#), Qualified 15/11/2011
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 30/04/2021