Entity—Australian business number (ABN)



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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 429144

Registration status: Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

Definition: A unique identifier allocated to an individual, association, or other legal or

administrative unit for the purposes of identification in dealings with the Australian Government, or for other Commonwealth purposes, in particular with respect to

taxation laws.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: Entity

Definition: An individual, association, or other legal or administrative unit treated as a discrete

and particular unit.

Specialisation of: Party

Source and reference attributes

Origin: LexisNexis Butterworths 2002. Business and Law Dictionary. Australia: LexisNexis

Butterworths Australia

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: Australian business number (ABN)

Definition: A unique identifier allocated to an entity for the purposes of identification in

dealings with the Australian Government, or for other Commonwealth purposes, in

particular with respect to taxation laws.

Property group: Organisational characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: LexisNexis Butterworths 2002. Business and Law Dictionary. Australia: LexisNexis

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Reference documents: Australian Taxation Office, 2010. ABN specific questions. Australian Taxation

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Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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