

Address—geocode latitude, decimal degrees XN[N] [.N(9)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Geocode latitude decimal degrees
Synonymous names:	Latitude
METEOR identifier:	430445
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 06/02/2012 Housing assistance , Standard 01/05/2013 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 05/10/2016 Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	The geographic latitude of an address point on the earth, measured in decimal degrees north or south of the equator.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Address—geocode latitude
METEOR identifier:	430430
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 06/02/2012 Housing assistance , Standard 02/05/2013 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 05/10/2016 Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	The geographic latitude of an address point on the earth north or south of the equator.
Object class:	Address
Property:	Geocode latitude

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Standards Australia 2006. AS 4590—2006 Interchange of client information. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Latitude decimal degrees XN[N][.N(9)]
METEOR identifier:	467584
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 06/02/2012 Housing assistance , Standard 01/05/2013 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 05/10/2016 Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	A numeric measurement of latitude in decimal degrees.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	Geospatial
Format:	XN[N][.N(9)]
Maximum character length:	12
Unit of measure:	Decimal degree

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The 'X' in the latitude format symbolises the designator symbol "+" or "-" and should be placed prior to the first number. Latitudes north of the equator are positive and shall be designated by use of the plus sign (+), latitudes south of the equator are negative and shall be designated by use of the minus sign (-). The equator shall be designated by use of the plus sign (+).

The format XN[N][.N(9)] allows for 1 or 2 digit latitudes (i.e. degree values) with the option of 0 to 9 decimal places (i.e. decimal degree values).

Usage examples:

- +14.091360569
- +2
- -50.321

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand 2008. AS/NZS ISO6709:2008—Standard representation of latitude, longitude and altitude for geographic point locations. Sydney/Wellington: Standards Australia/Standards NZ.

Standards Australia 2006. AS 4590—2006 Interchange of client information. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Geographical coordinates (latitudes and longitudes) are the universal system for defining spatial position. A set of geographic coordinates on a datum is complete and unique, worldwide.

Positions of geographic features can be defined in space by a set of coordinates. In order for coordinates to be unique, the coordinate reference system needs to be fully defined.

A coordinate reference system is realised by a reference frame, which comprises a datum and a coordinate system.

Latitudes can also be expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds (e.g. + 66° 33' 39"), see METeOR for this related item. A conversion to decimal degrees from the degrees, minutes and seconds format can be calculated with the following formula: Decimal Degrees = Degrees + ((Minutes / 60) + (Seconds / 3600)). (REF: <https://www2.landgate.wa.gov.au/slip/portal/home/Graticule.html>)

Usage example: -75° 59' 32.483" converts to -75.992356389 in decimal degrees (rounded up to 9 decimal places).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Standards Australia 2006. AS 4590—2006 Interchange of client information. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Address—geocode latitude, degrees minutes seconds Xd{d}{mm}{ss}{.ss}](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

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[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Address details data dictionary](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Address geocode cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Aged care address cluster](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the data being known.

[Dwelling address details cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
DSS specific information: Unknown values are recorded as "U".

[Dwelling address details cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
Implementation start date: 28/09/2011

[Indigenous Community Housing DSS 2018-](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
DSS specific information:

Record unknown values as 'U'.

[Indigenous community housing dwelling address details cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017
[Indigenous](#), Standard 01/05/2013
DSS specific information: Unknown values should be recorded as "U".

[Indigenous community housing dwelling address details cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017
DSS specific information:

Unknown values should be recorded as "U".