

Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	611391
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Children and Families , Standard 20/01/2021 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Disability , Standard 15/12/2017 Early Childhood , Standard 24/07/2018 Health , Standard 05/10/2016 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018 Indigenous , Standard 27/02/2018 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The Postcode datafile code set representing Australian postcodes as defined by Australia Post.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	NNNN	
Maximum character length:	4	
Supplementary values:	Value	Meaning
	0097	Not applicable
	0098	Unknown
	0099	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 0097 Not applicable
	This code should be used in circumstances where it is not applicable to record an Australian postcode, for example, when there is no fixed address, or when an international (non-Australian) postcode is supplied.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) \(NNNN\)](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 02/05/2013
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Address—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
[Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
[Indigenous](#), Standard 27/02/2018
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Classification scheme attributes

Classification scheme: [Postcode datafile](#)

METEOR identifier: 270561

Definition: The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a party (person or organisation), as defined by Australia Post.

Registration status: [Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Context: Postcode is an important part of a persons or organisations 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 person or organisation.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The postcode book is updated more than once annually as postcodes are dynamic entities and are constantly changing.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin:

Australia Post Postcode book. Reference
through: <https://auspost.com.au/postcode>