

Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Australian postcode
METEOR identifier:	611398
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 Australian numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area for an address.
Data Element Concept:	Address—Australian postcode
Value Domain:	Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) NNNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Postcode datafile	
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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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Australian postal addresses should include a valid postcode. Refer to the Australia Post Address Presentation Standard for rules on presentation and positioning of postcodes on mail.

For a full list of Australian postcodes visit the Australia Post website:

www.auspost.com.au

This data element may be used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis which involves coding data containing an address with a postcode to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) areas. The ABS provides a number of coding indexes and correspondences to undertake this conversion from postcode to ASGS areas. (See the correspondences section of ABS geography portal www.abs.gov.au/geography).

A more accurate way to convert address data to ASGS geography is to use the locality to SA2 coding index, available from ABS, where the locality, postcode and state, (which are all part of an address), used in conjunction can effectively code data to the SA2 level and above in the ASGS. Note that it is not possible to code to SA1 level using these correspondences or indexes.

This data element is one of a number of items that can be used to create a primary address, as recommended by the AS 4590-2006 *Interchange of client information* standard. Components of the primary address are:

- Address site (or Primary complex) name
- Address number or number range
- Road name (name/type/suffix)
- Locality
- State/Territory
- Postcode (optional)
- Country (if applicable).

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:

Supersedes [Address—Australian postcode, 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 01/05/2013
[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 04/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

See also [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 21/01/2021
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/12/2011
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016

See also [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 11/05/2023
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

See also [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#)

[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023
[Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific primary health care NBEDS December 2023](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 25/02/2024

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 31/12/2023

DSS specific information:

In the ATSI PHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific primary health care NBEDS June 2024](#)

[Indigenous](#), Qualified 17/04/2024

Implementation start date: 01/01/2024

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

DSS specific information:

In the ATSI PHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Address components cluster](#)

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

[Address components cluster](#)

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

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the address being within Australia.

[Address details \(Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments\) cluster](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 26/04/2024

[Address details cluster](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

[Address details cluster](#)

[Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2017-18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2019-20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2020-21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2021-22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2022-23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2023-24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDs 2024-25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the usual address of the client.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019-20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020-21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021-22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2022-23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

This data element is collected relating to the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.

The postcode provided must match the [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(45\)\]](#) or [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#) provided.

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS the following Supplementary codes have been defined:

0055	Overseas
0088	Other
0097	No fixed address (or Not applicable)
0098	Unknown
0099	Not stated/inadequately described.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element is collected relating to the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.

The postcode provided must match the [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(45\)\]](#) or [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#) provided.

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2024-25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

DSS specific information:

This data element is collected relating to the client's last known home address at the start of the treatment episode.

The postcode provided must match the [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(45\)\]](#) or [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#) provided.

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS the following Supplementary codes have been defined:

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0099	Not stated/inadequately described.

[Allied health admitted patient care NBPDS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient emergency department NBPDS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient NBPDS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

The postcode can also be used in association with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) index (Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia (CD-ROM)) to derive socio-economic disadvantage, which is associated with cardiovascular risk.

People from lower socio-economic groups are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than those from higher socio-economic groups. In 1997, people aged 25 - 64 living in the most disadvantaged group of the population died from cardiovascular disease at around twice the rate of those living in the least disadvantaged group (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2001. Heart, stroke and vascular diseases- Australian facts 2001.).

This difference in death rates has existed since at least the 1970s.

[Collection of locality, postcode and state/territory for SEIFA cluster](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

[Person—residential setting, accommodation type \(NDA\) code N\[N\]](#)

DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is collected twice.

The first occurrence refers to the postcode of the location of the [service type outlet](#) address and not the postal address. If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person. If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

The second occurrence refers to the postcode of a [service user's](#) usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average). This is intended to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The service user's postcode must relate to their selected 'residential setting' (as captured in '[Person—residential setting, accommodation type \(NDA\) code N\[N\]](#)').

[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

[Person—residential setting, accommodation type \(NDA\) code N\[N\]](#)

DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is collected twice.

The first occurrence refers to the postcode of the location of the [service type outlet](#) address and not the postal address. If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person. If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

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[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2018](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2018](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

Child

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2019](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

DSS specific information:

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

Child

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2020](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 25/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

DSS specific information:

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

Child

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2021](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 05/07/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

DSS specific information:

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

Child

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2022](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 15/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

DSS specific information:

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

Child

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2023](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 15/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

DSS specific information:

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

Child

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e., via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Emergency service care NBEDS 2022–23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Emergency service care NBEDS 2023–24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Emergency service care NBEDS 2024–25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2017–18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 22/10/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2018–19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the service's physical address
- the service's postal address.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 31/12/2020

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2021](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 12/06/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 31/12/2021

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2022](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 18/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 31/12/2022

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS June 2021](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 06/11/2022

Implementation start date: 01/01/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS June 2022](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/01/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS June 2023](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 25/02/2024

Implementation start date: 01/01/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- the organisation's physical address
- the organisation's postal address.

[Initial Teacher Education \(ITE\) data cluster](#)

[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022

DSS specific information:

Where no postcode information is available, the coded value will be '0000'.

This metadata item is used to collect the following postcode address items from the Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI):

- First residential address postcode

Origin:

Australian Government 2021, Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI): First residential address postcode, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022.

www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/790

- Residential address postcode

Origin:

Australian Government 2021, Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI): Residential address postcode, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022.

www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/320

- Term address postcode

Origin:

Australian Government 2021, Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI): Term address postcode, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022.

www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/319

[Juvenile Justice Order file cluster](#)

[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

DSS specific information:

This item is collected for the young person's last known home address before entering youth justice supervision.

Guide for Use

A Suburb/Town/Locality may be a town, city, suburb or commonly used location name such as a large agricultural property or Aboriginal community. The name should be spelt correctly and consistently and should not be a youth justice detention facility.

Enter 'UNKNOWN' where the locality name or geographic area is not known.

Enter 'NO FIXED ADDRESS' where the young person has no fixed address or is homeless.

Suburb/Town/Locality should be sourced from the Australia Post Standard postcode file for the relevant year, available on the [Australia Post website](#).

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 11/05/2023

DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023

DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Location Cluster](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

DSS specific information:

Refers to the postcode of the recipient.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2018–19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2019–20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2023–24](#)

[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2017-18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

[Health](#), Retired 19/11/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2017-18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2021–22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2022–23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2023–24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2024–25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2021–22](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2021
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2022–23](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022
Implementation start date: 01/07/2022
Implementation end date: 30/06/2023
DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2023–24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2024
DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2024–25](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2024
Implementation end date: 30/06/2025
DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021
DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 11/05/2023
DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023
DSS specific information:

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Online Services Report \(OSR\) DSS 2020–21](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 07/04/2024
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
DSS specific information:

In the OSR DSS, this data element is stored in the Health Data Portal (HDP) as part of the administrative information about the [funded organisation](#) and is managed by the Department of Health. Funded organisations do not report this for each data collection but are asked to contact the Department of Health to correct the information if it is incorrect. The address forms part of the AIHW OSR dataset.

This data element is used twice for:

- the funded organisation's physical address
- the funded organisation's postal address.

[Provider place of practice cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

Conditional obligation:

To be used if [Individual service provider—country of employment in registered profession, Australia/other country code N](#) equals 1.

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
DSS specific information:

In the PDWT NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a person's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2022–](#)
[Health](#), Standard 08/02/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022
DSS specific information:

In the PDWT NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a person's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) \(2016 Census, ASGS 2016\) cluster](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 15/08/2023
[Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) \(2021 Census, ASGS Edition 3\) cluster](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 15/08/2023

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019–](#)
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.

[Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infection NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

[Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infection NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Recorded 26/04/2024

[Teacher Registration data cluster](#)

[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022

DSS specific information:

This item is collected twice — residential address postcode and postal address postcode of a teacher.

[Youth Justice Detention file cluster](#)

[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

DSS specific information:

This item is collected twice: once for the young person's last known home address before entering youth justice detention and once for the youth detention centre.

This item is collected for the young person's last known home address before entering youth justice supervision.

Guide for Use

Use the Australian Post postcode file.

Leave the field blank if:

- the last known home address is unknown
- the last known home address is outside Australia
- the young person had no fixed address.

Suburb and postcode information

From July 2020, an all-inclusive list of postcodes and suburbs will be used to check postcodes in the YJ NMDS. This list consists of unique postcodes and suburbs across all current and historical versions of postcode data purchased by the AIHW.

For the most current list of valid postcodes and suburbs, go to <http://www.postconnect.com.au/postcode-data>.

[Youth Justice Order file cluster](#)

[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

DSS specific information:

This item is collected for the young person's last known home address before entering youth justice supervision.

Guide for Use

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[Youth Justice Order file cluster](#)

[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

DSS specific information:

This item is collected for the young person's last known home address before entering youth justice supervision.

Guide for Use

Use the Australian Post postcode file.

Leave the field blank if:

- the last known home address is unknown
- the last known home address is outside Australia
- the young person had no fixed address.

Postcode should be sourced from the Australia Post Standard postcode file for the relevant year, available on the [Australia Post website](#).

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Disaggregation

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for cardiac stress tests and imaging per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for myocardial perfusion scans per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for neck ultrasound per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for standard echocardiography per 100,000 population aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for stress echocardiography per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for thyroid function tests per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for thyroid stimulating hormone tests per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people, aged 17 years and under, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antibiotic medicines per 100,000 children aged 9 years and under, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 \(i\) Age 17 years & under, \(ii\) Age 18 - 64 years, \(iii\) Age 65 years & over](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged \(i\) 18 years and over, \(ii\) 1 year and under, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
13/12/2018

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.3a–Cancer screening rates, National Bowel Cancer Screening Program participation rate, 2019](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2021

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.3a–Cancer screening rates, National Bowel Cancer Screening Program participation rate, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/09/2023

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.3a–Cancer screening rates, National Bowel Cancer Screening Program participation rate, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Standard 07/09/2023

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.3a–Cancer screening rates, National Bowel Cancer Screening Program participation rate, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 28/02/2024

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for gastroscopy per 100,000 people aged 18-54 years, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
27/04/2021

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat colonoscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
27/04/2021

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat gastroscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
27/04/2021

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2017-18](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard
22/09/2020

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2017-18](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 22/09/2020](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2017-18](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 22/09/2020](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 15/09/2022](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 15/09/2022](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 15/09/2022](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)

[Number of people dispensed five or more medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)

[Number of people who had at least one medication management review, per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)