

Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile - Tasmanian variation) {NNNN}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Australian postcode (address)
Synonymous names:	Postcode
METEOR identifier:	651535
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/09/2016
Definition:	The Australian numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area for an address.
Data Element Concept:	Address—Australian postcode

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Postcode datafile						
Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	{NNNN}						
Maximum character length:	4						
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0000</td><td>Unknown</td></tr><tr><td>9500</td><td>Overseas</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	0000	Unknown	9500	Overseas
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Code 9500 should be used for overseas addresses.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania - PPP - MRA - HIU

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:

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\(9\)](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Supersedes [Dwelling—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Supersedes [Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Supersedes [Person \(address\)—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 30/05/2013
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/05/2013

Supersedes [Service provider organisation \(address\)—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

Supersedes [Workplace \(address\)—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Person geographic data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard
18/05/2021

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
05/07/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
05/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard
15/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021