Address—country identifier, country code (SACC 2016) NNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Country identifier |
| METEOR identifier: | 659626 |
| Registration status: | [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2016 |
| Definition: | The country component of an address, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Address—country identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430160) |
| Value Domain: | [Country code (SACC 2016) NNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659444) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659350) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | NNNN | |
| Maximum character length: | 4 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2016 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.  A country, even if it comprises other discrete political entities such as states, is treated as a single unit for all data domain purposes. Parts of a political entity are not included in different groups. Thus, Hawaii is included in Northern America (as part of the identified country United States of America), despite being geographically close to and having similar social and cultural characteristics as the units classified to Polynesia. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | Data should be collected at the 4-digit level. |
| Comments: | Note that the Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) is mappable to but not identical to the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). |
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| Reference documents: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 2016](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/allprimarymainfeatures/5D2485E6F15281E6CA2570B5007ACA80?opendocument). ABS cat. no. 1269.0. Canberra: ABS.  Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Address—country identifier, country code (SACC 2011) NNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/573213)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2016 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Address components cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/611149)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  [Address components cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/776938)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the address NOT being within Australia. |