

# Address—electronic communication address, text [X(250)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Electronic communication address (person)
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Electronic communication details
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	698205
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 23/04/2019
<b>Definition:</b>	A unique combination of characters used as input to electronic communication equipment for the purpose of contacting a person, as represented by text.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Address—electronic communication address</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Text [X(250)]</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	[X(250)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	250

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Multiple electronic communication addresses (for example, multiple phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail) may be recorded as required. Each instance should have an appropriate Electronic communication medium and usage code assigned.

**Universal Resource Locator (URL)**

One form of electronic address used as a locator for an internet-based web site.

Example: <http://www.aihw.gov.au> This is the full address, however, it is not essential to record 'http://www' as the commonly used internet browsers assume these characters are included. Therefore, the URL address could be recorded as 'aihw.gov.au'.

**Email addresses**

Email addresses are a combination of a username and an internet domain name (URL) joined by an @ symbol. The use of the full URL is not valid in an email address.

Example: [myuserid@bigpond.net.au](mailto:myuserid@bigpond.net.au)

**Telephone numbers**

- Record the prefix plus telephone number. For example, 08 8226 6000 or 0417 123456.
- Do not record punctuation in telephone numbers. For example, (08) 8226 6000 or 08-8226 6000 would not be correct.

**Unknown contact details**

Leave the field blank.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Standards Australia
<b>Origin:</b>	AS 4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia
<b>Reference documents:</b>	AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2006, Sydney: Standards Australia