Establishment—service unit cluster identifier, XXXXX[XXXX]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Service unit cluster identifier
METEOR identifier:	782045
Registration status:	Health, Recorded 16/08/2023
Definition:	A unique identifier for a service unit cluster, which groups specialised mental health ambulatory and residential service units, as represented by a combination of numeric and/or alphabetic characters.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—service unit cluster identifier
Value Domain:	Identifier XXXXX[XXXX]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	XXXXX[XXXX]
Maximum character length:	9

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A [Specialised mental health service organisation](#) may consist of one or more clusters of service units providing services in admitted patient, residential and ambulatory settings. For example, a *Specialised mental health service organisation* may consist of several hospitals (clusters of admitted patient service units) and/or ambulatory or residential service unit clusters (for example, a cluster of child and adolescent ambulatory service units, and a cluster of aged residential service units).

To allow service units to be individually identified, but still also to be identified as part of a hospital (for the admitted patient service setting), or as part of another type of cluster (e.g., other cluster types for ambulatory or residential service settings), a separate reporting level called *Hospital* for admitted patient service units and *Service unit cluster* for ambulatory service units and residential service units is necessary.

The concept of *Service unit cluster* only applies to ambulatory and residential service units. The equivalent entity for the grouping of admitted patient service units is the *Hospital*.

However, for some ambulatory service units, the service unit may 'belong' to a hospital that contains both admitted patient and ambulatory service units. In this instance, the service unit cluster identifier for the ambulatory service unit would be the 'hospital identifier'. Other groups of ambulatory and residential service units could also be usefully identified as clusters. For example, clusters may exist of groups of residential services for aged persons, or groups of ambulatory service units in particular geographical areas.

The complete identifier string, including State/Territory identifier, Region identifier, Organisation identifier and Service unit cluster identifier, should be a unique code for the cluster in that state/territory. Service unit reporting structures should be identical between all mental health collections (e.g., Mental Health National Minimum Data Sets and the Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix Collection (NOCC)). If no cluster applies, set to 00000.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Establishment—service unit cluster identifier, XXXXX](#)
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Qualified 23/11/2015

See also [Mental health organisation type code NN](#)
[Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021