

# Australian postcode

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Property
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269316
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 22/10/2005 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 21/05/2010 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 31/10/2012 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 06/03/2014 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 13/03/2015 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 14/10/2015 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 01/09/2016 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place.
<b>Context:</b>	Postcode is an important part of a postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location.
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Location characteristics</a>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Standards Australia Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts  
implementing this  
property:**

[Address—Australian postcode](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012  
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014  
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 09/03/2012  
[Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 02/05/2013  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 02/05/2013  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016  
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

[Dwelling—Australian postcode](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006

[Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode](#)

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

[Person \(address\)—Australian postcode](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012  
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006

[Service provider organisation \(address\)—Australian postcode](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012  
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Workplace \(address\)—Australian postcode](#)

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