

Person (address)—postal delivery point identifier, {N(8)}

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

Person (address)—postal delivery point identifier, {N(8)}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Postal delivery point identifier
Synonymous names:	Postal delivery point identifier
METEOR identifier:	270492
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 04/05/2005 Community Services (retired) , Superseded 25/08/2005
Data Element Concept:	Person (address)—postal delivery point identifier
Value Domain:	Postal delivery point identifier {N(8)}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	Number
Format:	{N(8)}
Maximum character length:	8

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Australia Post maintains a Postal Address File (PAF) database which contains Australian postal delivery addresses and their corresponding eight (8) character unique identification number known as a Delivery Point Identifier (DPID). While the PAF is concerned with postal address, for many persons' a postal address will be the same as their residential address. The PAF can be used to improve the recording of address data at the time of data entry.

The Postal Address File may be used at the time of data entry to confirm that the combined metadata items of address line, suburb/town/locality, Australian state/territory identifier and postcode - Australian are accurately recorded.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: The Delivery Point Identifier (DPID) is assigned electronically to recognised Australia Post delivery addresses following reference to the Postal Address File (PAF) database.

Comments:

In October 1999, Australia Post introduced a bar-coding system for bulk mail lodgements. Agencies or establishments can use software to improve the quality of person address data it collects and records and, at the same time, receive financial benefits by reducing its postage expenses.

The DPID is easily converted to a bar code and can be included on correspondence and address labels. If the bar code is displayed on a standard envelope that passes through a mail-franking machine (e.g. as used by most major hospitals), the postage cost is reduced. Every three months, Australia Post provides updates to the PAF database. For more information, contact Australia Post.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:

Standards Australia

National Health Data Standards Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Origin:

Standards Australia 2002. Australian Standard AS5017-2002 Health Care Client Identification. Sydney: Standards Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Person \(address\)—postal delivery point identifier, {N\(8\)} Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Is formed using [Person \(address\)—suburb/town/locality name, text A\[A\(49\)\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
[Health!](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

Is re-engineered from  [Postal delivery point identifier, version 2, DE, Int. NCSDD & NHDD, NCSIMG & NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.1 KB)

No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Health care client identification](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

DSS specific information: Field may be blank (where the person's address is not a recognised Australia Post delivery address).