Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) NNN[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 270891 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 04/05/2005  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 25/08/2005 |
| Definition: | The Postcode datafile code set representing Australian postcodes as defined by Australia Post. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Postcode datafile](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270561) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | NNN[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 4 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The postcode book is updated more than once annually as postcodes are a dynamic entity and are constantly changing. |
| Collection Methods: | Leave Postcode - Australian blank for:   * Any overseas address * Unknown address * No fixed address. |
| Comments: | Postcode may be used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion from postcodes to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) postal areas. This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets postcode is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (e.g. Statistical Local Area (SLA)) is not always possible.  When dealing with aggregate data, postal areas, converted from postcodes, can be mapped to Australian Standard Geographical Classification codes using an ABS concordance, for example to determine SLAs. It should be noted that such concordances should not be used to determine the SLA of any individual's postcode. Where individual street addresses are available, these can be mapped to ASGC codes (e.g. SLAs) using the ABS National Localities Index (NLI). |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/287222)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 06/02/2012  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 09/03/2012  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2011  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 23/08/2010  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 10/02/2006  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 13/03/2015 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person (address)—Australian postcode (Postcode datafile), code NNN[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270515)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 25/08/2005  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 04/05/2005 |