Postal delivery point identifier

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000789	Version number:	1
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-SEP-03
Definition:	A unique number assigned to a postal address as recorded on the Australia Post Postal Address File (PAF).		
Context:			

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric	
Representational form:	CODE	
Representation layout:	N(8)	
Minimum Size:	0	
Maximum Size:	8	
Data Domain:	NOVAL	Valid Delivery Point Identifier (DPID) Code or blank

Guide For Use: Australia Post maintains a 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, many persons' 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 PAF may be used at the time of data entry to confirm that the combined data elements of Suburb/town/locality, State/Territory identifier and Postcode are accurately recorded.

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

Collection Methods: The DPID is assigned electronically to recognised Australia Post

delivery addresses following reference to the PAF database.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Suburb / town / locality version 1
relates to the data element State / Territory identifier version 3
relates to the data element Address type version 1
relates to the data element Australian postcode version 1
has been superseded by Int. NCSDD & NHDD Postal delivery point identifier version 2
relates to the data element concept Address version 1

Administrative Attributes

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Source Organisation: Standards Australia

Comments: In October 1999, Australia Post introduced a bar-coding system for bulk mail lodgements. Health care 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 (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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Address element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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