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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Postcode—Australian (person) |
| Synonymous names: | Australian postcode |
| METEOR identifier: | 287224 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2011  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 06/02/2012  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 09/03/2012  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 30/05/2013  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 30/05/2013 |
| Definition: | The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a person. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person (address)—Australian postcode](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269894) |
| Value Domain: | [Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/287222) |

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

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | Postcode - Australian 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). |



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| Data element attributes | |
| 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.   May be collected as part of Address line or separately. Postal addresses may be different from where a person actually resides. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Standards Australia |
| Origin: | National Health Data Committee  National Community Services Data Committee |
| Reference documents: | AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia  AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia  AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2006, Sydney: Standards Australia  Australia Post Postcode book. Reference through:  <http://www1.auspost.com.au/postcodes/> |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [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  Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile - Tasmanian variation) {NNNN}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/651535)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 01/09/2016  Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/429894)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 22/11/2016  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12) , Standard 14/10/2015  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 06/02/2012  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 07/10/2014  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 24/07/2018  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/10/2016  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 01/05/2013  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 31/10/2012  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 27/02/2018  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/5), Standard 04/03/2014  Is used in the formation of [Dwelling—geographic location, remoteness structure code (ASGC 2004) N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270281)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Retired 10/02/2006  Is used in the formation of [Person—geographic location, community services code (ASGC 2004) NNNNN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270315)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 02/05/2006  See also [Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/720078)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 03/11/2021  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 16/01/2020  [Youth Justice](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022  See also [Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/286919)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 03/11/2021  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 25/08/2005  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 21/05/2010  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 16/01/2020  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 10/02/2006 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [AROC inpatient data set specification](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/339513)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Recorded 18/07/2007  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/06/2007 ***Conditional obligation:*** Only collect if patients residential address is within Australia  [Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273052)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 15/02/2006  ***DSS specific information:***  The postcode can also be used in association with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) index (Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia (CD-ROM) to derive socio-economic disadvantage, which is associated with cardiovascular risk.  People from lower socio-economic groups are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than those from higher socio-economic groups. In 1997, people aged 25 - 64 living in the most disadvantaged group of the population died from cardiovascular disease at around twice the rate of those living in the least disadvantaged group (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2001. Heart, stroke and vascular diseases- Australian facts 2001.).  This difference in death rates has existed since at least the 1970s.  [Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/348289)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 04/07/2007  ***DSS specific information:***  The postcode can also be used in association with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) index (Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia (CD-ROM) to derive socio-economic disadvantage, which is associated with cardiovascular risk.  People from lower socio-economic groups are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than those from higher socio-economic groups. In 1997, people aged 25 - 64 living in the most disadvantaged group of the population died from cardiovascular disease at around twice the rate of those living in the least disadvantaged group (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2001. Heart, stroke and vascular diseases- Australian facts 2001.).  This difference in death rates has existed since at least the 1970s.  [Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/353668)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 22/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:***  The postcode can also be used in association with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) index (Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia (CD-ROM) to derive socio-economic disadvantage, which is associated with cardiovascular risk.  People from lower socio-economic groups are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than those from higher socio-economic groups. In 1997, people aged 25 - 64 living in the most disadvantaged group of the population died from cardiovascular disease at around twice the rate of those living in the least disadvantaged group (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2001. Heart, stroke and vascular diseases- Australian facts 2001.).  This difference in death rates has existed since at least the 1970s.  [Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/374213)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/09/2012  ***DSS specific information:***  The postcode can also be used in association with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) index (Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia (CD-ROM) to derive socio-economic disadvantage, which is associated with cardiovascular risk.  People from lower socio-economic groups are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than those from higher socio-economic groups. 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[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS (July 2007)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/355779)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 01/05/2008  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of three times:   * the postcode where the child was living at the time of the notification; * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the residential address of the child immediately prior to entering out-of-home care for the first time; and * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.   [Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS pilot (2008)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/367283)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Retired 06/02/2012  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of three times:   * the postcode where the child was living at the time of the notification; * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the residential address of the child immediately prior to entering out-of-home care for the first time; and * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.   [Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS (July 2007)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/314520)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 01/05/2008  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of three times:   * the postcode where the child was living at the time of the contact; * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the residential address of the child immediately prior to entering out-of-home care for the first time; and * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.   [Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/367251)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Retired 06/02/2012  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of three times:   * the postcode where the child was living at the time of the contact; * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the residential address of the child immediately prior to entering out-of-home care for the first time; and * the numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place and defined by Australia Post for the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.   [Child protection and support services (CPSS) client DSS Pilot (2010)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/433689)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Recorded 19/08/2011  ***DSS specific information:*** In the client file the postcode of the child refers to their postcode prior to first ever entry into care.  [Children's Services NMDS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/308217)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 21/05/2010  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Children's Services NMDS, this data element is only relevant to children who receive in-home child care services. It refers to the child's in-home address. It is used in conjunction with the data element *Suburb/town/locality name (person).*  [Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/317350)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 14/12/2008  ***DSS specific information:***  In the CSTDA NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a service user's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).  This data element is used in CSTDA to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The CSTDA NMDS collection defines ‘usual’ as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average.  [Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS (July 2008)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/372123)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 11/11/2009  ***DSS specific information:***  In the CSTDA NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a service user's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).  This data element is used in CSTDA to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The CSTDA NMDS collection defines ‘usual’ as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average.  [Community-based palliative care client DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/286967)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Recorded 13/05/2008  ***DSS specific information:*** This DSS proposes use of postcode to collect information on the geographic location of the patient, recognising the voluntary nature of this dataset. It is acknowledged that collection of Statistical Local Area (SLA), e.g. Person-area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2007) NNNNN, would provide more accurate information on geographical location. It is suggested that the inclusion of this more accurate information is considered if this datasset is considered as a national minimum dataset. At least some palliative care agencies are likely to require some level of support to report SLAs.  [Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/291112)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2008  ***DSS specific information:***  For data collection using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) the suggested question is:  What is your postcode?  (Single response)  Enter Postcode  [Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module NBPDS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/374218)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 03/12/2008  ***DSS specific information:***  For data collection using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) the suggested question is:  What is your postcode?  (Single response)  Enter Postcode  [Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/386485)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 15/12/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2009 ***DSS specific information:***  In the DS NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a service user's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).  This data element is used in NDA to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The DS NMDS collection defines ‘usual’ as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average.  [Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/428708)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 15/12/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010 ***DSS specific information:***  In the DS NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a service user's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).  This data element is used in NDA to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The DS NMDS collection defines ‘usual’ as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average.  [Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/461636)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 13/03/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***DSS specific information:***  In the DS NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a service user's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).  This data element is used in NDA to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The DS NMDS collection defines ‘usual’ as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average.  [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2010](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/396792)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 07/06/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010  [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/438006)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 09/03/2012  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***DSS specific information:*** Should be reported for the usual residence of the child’s parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box postcode or other non-residential address of the child’s parent or guardian.  [Health care client identification DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/288765)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2008  [Health care client identification DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/374201)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Retired 20/03/2013  [Health care provider identification DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/289061)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 04/07/2007  [Health care provider identification DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/356020)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2008  [Health care provider identification DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/374199)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Retired 20/03/2013  [Home and Community Care MDS 2009](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/379878)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Recorded 16/11/2009  ***Implementation start date:*** 11/05/2006 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Home and Community Care MDS, this data element refers to the postal code for the geographic location of the person's residence whilst receiving HACC services.    In conjunction with the data element Suburb/town/locality name, the data element Postcode is included in the HACC MDS as a means of reporting information about the geographic location of the residence of a HACC client. The preferred standard for reporting this information is by using a statistical local area (SLA) in conjunction with a state/territory code (see Australian state/territory identifier). However, as some HACC agencies may have difficulty allocating SLA codes to the residential locations of their clients without more computerised assistance than is currently available to them, agencies are given the option of reporting this information by using the lesser standard of Postcode plus Suburb/town/locality name.    The agency should record the postcode for the address at which the person resides while receiving services from the agency. The postcode should not relate to a postal address different from the physical address at which the person is residing.    The Australia Post postcode book is updated more than once a year as postcodes are constantly changing. Agencies should use the most up-to-date postcode book available for the HACC MDS reporting period.    This data element should be recorded for all HACC care recipients at the beginning of each HACC service episode. The agency should also assess the currency of this information at subsequent assessments/re-assessments within any given HACC service episode and should update the agency's record of the client's postcode if necessary.    Reporting requirements:    This data element is an alternative within the HACC MDS collection to reporting the Statistical Local Area (SLA) of the client's residence.    The agency should report the most recent postcode recorded for the client. Information provided by the agency about the client's postcode will be considered to be at least as recent as the Date of last update reported for the person. This is in line with the request that agencies assess and update the information they have about a person's postcode at the beginning of each HACC service episode as well as at subsequent assessments/re-assessments within each HACC service episode.    The HACC MDS Version 2.0 does not include all data elements for full Address information. A complete implementation of Address, including the related data elements, is currently under development in coordination with Standards Australia, ABS, the National Health Data Committee and the National Community Services Data Committee. Once national standards are developed, the HACC MDS will take these standards into account for future versions of the HACC MDS.  [Juvenile Justice Detention file cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/386853)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 14/09/2009  ***Implementation start date:*** 24/09/2009  [Juvenile Justice NMDS 2007](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/314122)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 19/05/2010  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2005 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element refers to the postcode of the client's last known home address prior to coming under the supervision or case management of the agency.  This is to be recorded for each client on entry to each juvenile justice episode. A question to be asked of juvenile justice clients may be ‘where do you live’ or ‘what was your most recent home address’. A juvenile justice remand/detention centre should not be recorded as the last known home address. The data item refers to last known home address of the client prior to being held in a centre or on supervision.  [Living arrangements for children under care (LA) DSS Pilot (2010)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/433761)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Recorded 19/08/2011  ***DSS specific information:*** The postcode of the child’s living arrangement.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/433700)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Recorded 19/08/2011  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Notifications, investigations and substantiations (NIS) cluster the data element refers to the postcode where the child was living at the time of the notification.  [Registered chiropractic labour force DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/384097)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:*** In this dataset the data element refers to the postcode of the residential address of a person.  [Registered dental and allied dental health professional labour force DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/384102)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:*** In this dataset the data element refers to the postcode of the residential address of a person.  [Registered medical professional labour force DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/375422)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:*** In this dataset the data element refers to the postcode of the residential address of a person.  [Registered midwifery labour force DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/384118)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:*** In this dataset the data element refers to the postcode of the residential address of a person.  [Registered nursing professional labour force DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/384109)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:*** In this dataset the data element refers to the postcode of the residential address of a person.  [Registered optometry labour force DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/384124)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/12/2009  ***DSS specific information:*** In this dataset the data element refers to the postcode of the residential address of a person.  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