

# Dwelling—Australian postcode

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	302038
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 10/02/2006
<b>Definition:</b>	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a dwelling.
<b>Context:</b>	Postcode is an important part of a dwelling's postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location. Postcode may assist with uniquely identifying a dwelling.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Dwelling</a>
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Dwelling
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	268982
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Superseded 30/08/2017
<b>Definition:</b>	A structure or a discrete space within a structure intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people live. Thus a structure that people actually live in is a dwelling regardless of its intended purpose, but a vacant structure is only a dwelling if intended for human residence. A dwelling may include one or more rooms used as an office or workshop provided the dwelling is in residential use.
<b>Context:</b>	Dwellings are the main counting unit in the housing sector. Dwellings are reported for a variety of purposes including number of untenable or tenable, and occupied or vacant dwellings. Dwellings may be owned and/or, managed, and/or available for a use by a specific program, including head-leased stock from <a href="#">private</a> and <a href="#">government</a> sources. A dwelling includes a <a href="#">boarding house building</a> and <a href="#">boarding house units</a> .
<b>Specialisation of:</b>	<a href="#">Environmental factors</a>

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<a href="#">Boarding house rooms</a> or beds are not identified as separate dwellings unless they are self-contained. Self-contained rooms are therefore defined as units and are counted as a separate dwelling.  For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections, the number of tenancy (rental) units is used as a proxy for counting the number of dwellings.
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Housing Data Development Committee
<b>Origin:</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics: 2001 Census Data Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0). Reference through: <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au">http://www.abs.gov.au</a> .

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Australian postcode</a>
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**METEOR identifier:** 269316

**Registration status:** [Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 22/10/2005  
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012  
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014  
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

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**Property group:** [Location characteristics](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Standards Australia  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

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**Submitting organisation:** National Housing Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [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  
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**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Dwelling—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013