

# Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

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# Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Australian postcode (address)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	429894
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 06/02/2012 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 31/10/2012 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 01/05/2013 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 04/03/2014 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 14/10/2015 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 05/10/2016 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 27/02/2018 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Superseded 24/07/2018 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 10/08/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The Australian numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area for an address.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Address—Australian postcode</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Postcode datafile</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	{NNNN}
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Australian postal addresses should include a valid postcode. Refer to the Australia Post Address Presentation Standard for rules on presentation and positioning of postcodes on mail.

For a full list of Australian postcodes visit the Australia Post website:  
[www.auspost.com.au](http://www.auspost.com.au)

This data element may be used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis which involves coding data containing an address with a postcode to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) areas. The ABS provides a number of coding indexes and correspondences to undertake this conversion from postcode to ASGS areas. (See the correspondences section of ABS geography portal [www.abs.gov.au/geography](http://www.abs.gov.au/geography)).

A more accurate way to convert address data to ASGS geography is to use the locality to SA2 coding index, available from ABS, where the locality, postcode and state, (which are all part of an address), used in conjunction can effectively code data to the SA2 level and above in the ASGS. Note that it is not possible to code to SA1 level using these correspondences or indexes.

This data element is one of a number of items that can be used to create a primary address, as recommended by the AS 4590-2006 *Interchange of client information* standard. Components of the primary address are:

- Address site (or Primary complex) name
- Address number or number range
- Road name (name/type/suffix)
- Locality
- State/Territory
- Postcode (optional)
- Country (if applicable).

## Source and reference attributes

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

**Origin:** Standards Australia 2006. AS 4590—2006 *Interchange of client information*. Sydney: Standards Australia.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

- Supersedes [Dwelling—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
- Supersedes [Housing assistance agency—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013
- Supersedes [Person \(address\)—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012  
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 30/05/2013  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/05/2013
- Supersedes [Service provider organisation \(address\)—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012  
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015
- Supersedes [Workplace \(address\)—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
- Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018  
[Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017  
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018  
[Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 27/02/2018  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022
- See also [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 21/01/2021  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/12/2011  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health!](#), Superseded 06/12/2016
- See also [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021  
[Health!](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- See also [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 20/10/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

- [Activity based funding: Emergency department care DSS 2013-2014](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 01/03/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014
- [Address details data dictionary](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 02/05/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013  
**DSS specific information:** To be reported for the address of the patient.
- [Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 11/04/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
**DSS specific information:** To be reported for the address of the patient.
- [Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015  
**DSS specific information:** To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 10/11/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016  
**DSS specific information:** To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017  
**DSS specific information:**

To be reported for the address of the patient.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015  
**DSS specific information:**

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the usual address of the client.

In cases where the postcode of the client's place of residence is not known, a supplementary value of 9999 = Not stated/inadequately described should be used.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018  
**DSS specific information:**

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the usual address of the client.

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

**DSS specific information:**

To be reported for the address of the patient.

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.

[Collection of locality, postcode and state/territory for SEIFA cluster](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

[Health!](#), Standard 29/08/2014

[Community housing and Indigenous community housing service provider organisation address details cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013

[Indigenous](#), Standard 01/05/2013

**DSS specific information:**

Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".

### [Community Housing DSS 2018-](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**DSS specific information:**

This metadata item is collected twice, once for the community housing provider's address (in the organisation file) and once for the dwelling address (in the dwelling file).

Record unknown values as 'U'.

### [Community housing dwelling address details cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013

**DSS specific information:** Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".

### [Disability Services NMDs 2012-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

In the DS NMDs, this data element is collected twice.

The first occurrence refers to the postcode of the location of the [service type outlet](#) address and not the postal address. If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person. If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

The second occurrence refers to the postcode of a [service user's](#) usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average). This is intended to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The service user's postcode must relate to their selected '[residential setting](#)'.

### [Disability Services NMDs 2014-15](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDs), this data element is collected twice.

The first occurrence refers to the postcode of the location of the [service type outlet](#) address and not the postal address. If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person. If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

The second occurrence refers to the postcode of a [service user's](#) usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average). This is intended to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The service user's postcode must relate to their selected '[residential setting](#)'.

### [Disability Services NMDs 2015-16](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDs), this data element is collected twice.

The first occurrence refers to the postcode of the location of the [service type](#)

[outlet](#) address and not the postal address. If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person. If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

The second occurrence refers to the postcode of a [service user's](#) usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average). This is intended to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The service user's postcode must relate to their selected 'residential setting' (as captured in '[Person—residential setting, NDA code N\[N\]](#)').

#### [Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

#### [Person—residential setting, accommodation type \(NDA\) code N\[N\]](#)

**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is collected twice.

The first occurrence refers to the postcode of the location of the [service type outlet](#) address and not the postal address. If the service type outlet is provided in the person's home, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered, not that of the person. If recreation services are provided in various locations, the postcode of the service base from which the provider operates is to be entered.

The second occurrence refers to the postcode of a [service user's](#) usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average). This is intended to capture the postcode of the 'geographic location' of a person, not their postal address postcode. The service user's postcode must relate to their selected 'residential setting' (as captured in '[Person—residential setting, accommodation type \(NDA\) code N\[N\]](#)').

#### [Dwelling \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**DSS specific information:** This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

#### [Dwelling \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 19/12/2017

**DSS specific information:**

This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

#### [Dwelling \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 19/12/2017

**DSS specific information:**

This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

#### [Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2012](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**DSS specific information:** Should be reported for the physical location at which the preschool program is delivered.

#### [Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2013](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**DSS specific information:** Should be reported for the physical location at which the preschool program is delivered.

#### [Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2014](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**DSS specific information:** Should be reported for the physical location at which the early childhood education program is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2015](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 01/06/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**DSS specific information:**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2016](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**DSS specific information:**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2017](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 01/06/2018

**DSS specific information:**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2012](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

**Child**

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.

**Early childhood education and care service**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the preschool program is delivered.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2013](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013



**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

**Child**

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.

**Early childhood education and care service**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the preschool program is delivered.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2014](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

**Child**

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.

**Early childhood education and care service**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the early childhood education program is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2015](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

**Child**

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.

**Early childhood education and care service**

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2016](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early

childhood education and care service.

### Child

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.

### Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

#### [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2017](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected twice: once for the child and once for the early childhood education and care service.

### Child

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.

### Early childhood education and care service

Should be reported for the physical location at which the [early childhood education program](#) is delivered. If the early childhood education program is received in a home-based setting (i.e. via distance education programs such as school of the air or e-Kindy), then the location of the service provider delivering the program should be used as the basis for the address, rather than the home-based setting.

#### [Emergency department care activity based funding DSS 2012-2013](#)

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 31/10/2012

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

#### [Home purchase assistance DSS 2011-12](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 03/07/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012

**DSS specific information:** This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

#### [Home purchase assistance DSS 2012-13](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

**DSS specific information:** This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

#### [Home purchase assistance DSS 2013-](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**DSS specific information:**

This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

#### [Indigenous Community Housing DSS 2018-](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**DSS specific information:**

This metadata item is collected twice, once for the Indigenous community housing provider's address (in the organisation file) and once for the dwelling address (in the dwelling file).

Record unknown values as 'U'.

[Indigenous community housing dwelling address details cluster](#)

Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017

Indigenous, Standard 01/05/2013

**DSS specific information:** Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".

[Indigenous community housing dwelling address details cluster](#)

Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017

**DSS specific information:**

Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2015-17](#)

Health!, Superseded 25/01/2018

Indigenous, Superseded 27/02/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Juvenile Justice Order file cluster](#)

Community Services (retired), Standard 14/09/2009

**Implementation start date:** 24/09/2009

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016

Community Services (retired), Recorded 10/10/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 20/04/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's living arrangement. Record code 9999 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = SPRPC

This item represents the Medicare servicing provider postcode.

[Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = SPRPC

This item represents the Medicare servicing provider postcode.

[Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = SPRPC

This item represents the Medicare servicing provider postcode.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2014-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 04/02/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/12/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 09/10/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/04/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**DSS specific information:**

The postcode of the child's usual place of residence at the time of notification.

For children residing outside Australia record 9999 'Not stated/inadequately described'

[Private rent assistance DSS 2011-12](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012  
**DSS specific information:** This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

[Private rent assistance DSS 2012-13](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013  
**DSS specific information:** This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

[Private rent assistance DSS 2013-](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**DSS specific information:**

This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

[Public dental waiting times DSS 2012-13](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 09/11/2012  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013  
**DSS specific information:**

In the PDWT DSS, this data element refers to the postcode of a person's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2013-2018](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018  
**DSS specific information:**

In the PDWT DSS, this data element refers to the postcode of a person's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).

[Public hospital establishment address details DSS](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 04/08/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Public Housing and State Owned and Managed Indigenous housing \(PH & SOMIH\) DSS 2018-](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018  
**DSS specific information:**

This metadata item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) cluster 2011](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 21/02/2012  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14](#)  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
**Conditional obligation:** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  
**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY)
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.

### [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**Conditional obligation:** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY)
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.

### [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY)
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.

### [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.

### [Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 15/11/2012

### [WA Abortion Notification System](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/2002

**Implementation end date:** 31/07/2014

**DSS specific information:** **WA ANS name:** Post\_code\_of\_residence

### [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**DSS specific information:**

This data element refers to the postcode of the patient's address at the time of the scheduled appointment. It is collected in the NAPAAWL DC against the following data items:

- PER\_ADDRESS\_POSTCODE (Mandatory)

- PER\_MAIL\_ADDRESS\_POSTCODE (Optional).

These items are also referred to in the NAPAAWL DC as:

- Patient residential address postcode
- Patient mail address postcode.

Patient mail address postcode is only relevant if it is different to the residential address postcode. It is only recorded in the NAPAAWL DC if the patient agrees to provide it.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

**DSS specific information:**

This data element refers to the postcode of the patient's address at the time of the scheduled appointment. It is collected in the NAPAAWL DC against the following data items:

- PER\_ADDRESS\_POSTCODE (Mandatory)
- PER\_MAIL\_ADDRESS\_POSTCODE (Optional).

These items are also referred to in the NAPAAWL DC as:

- Patient residential address postcode
- Patient mail address postcode.

Patient mail address postcode is only relevant if it is different to the residential address postcode. It is only recorded in the NAPAAWL DC if the patient agrees to provide it.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

**DSS specific information:**

This data element refers to the postcode of the patient's address at the time of the scheduled appointment. It is collected in the NAPAAWL DC against the following data items:

- PER\_ADDRESS\_POSTCODE (Mandatory)
- PER\_MAIL\_ADDRESS\_POSTCODE (Optional)

These items are also referred to in the NAPAAWL DC as:

- Patient residential address postcode
- Patient mail address postcode

Patient mail address postcode is only relevant if it is different to the residential address postcode. It is only recorded in the NAPAAWL DC if the patient agrees to provide it.

The synonymous name POSTCODE is used for national reporting.

**Used as Numerator**

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.1–Bulk-billing for non-referred \(GP\) attendances, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/10/2021

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: After-hours GP attendances, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: After-hours GP attendances, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Bulk-billed GP attendances, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Bulk-billed GP](#)

**Implementation in Indicators:**



[attendances, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Expenditure on after-hours GP attendances, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Expenditure on after-hours GP attendances, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Expenditure on GP attendances, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Expenditure on GP attendances, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Frequent GP attenders, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: GP attendances, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: GP attendances, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: In-hours GP attendances, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Very high GP attenders, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

### **Used as Disaggregation**

[1.1 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[1.2 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for quinolones per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[1.3a Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[1.3b Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[2.1 Number of MBS-funded services for fibre optic colonoscopy per 100,000 people, 2013-14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[2.3 Number of MBS-funded services for computed tomography imaging of the lumbar spine per 100,000 people, 2013-14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[3.1 Number of knee arthroscopy admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 55 years and over, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.2 Number of MBS-funded services for cataract surgery per 100,000 people aged 40 years and over, 2013-14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.3 Estimated annual number of lumbar spine surgery admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2010-11 to 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.4 Number of radical prostatectomy admissions to hospital per 100,000 men aged 40 years and over, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.5 Number of hysterectomy and endometrial ablation admissions to hospital per 100,000 women, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.6 Number of tonsillectomy admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 17 years and under, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.7 Number of myringotomy admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 17 years and under, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[3.8 Number of hip fracture admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 65 years and over, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[4.1 Number of MBS-funded services for the preparation of mental health treatment plans by general practitioners per 100,000 people, 2013-14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[4.10 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people aged 17 years and under, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[4.2, 4.3, 4.4 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for antidepressant medicines per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[4.5, 4.6 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for anxiolytic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[4.7, 4.8, 4.9 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[5.1 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.1, 6.2, 6.3 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for asthma medicines per 100,000 people, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.10 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for anticholinesterase medicines per 100,000 people aged 65 years and over, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.4 Estimated annual number of asthma and related respiratory admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 3 to 19 years, 2010–11 to 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.5 Estimated annual number of asthma admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 20 to 44 years, 2010–11 to 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.6 Number of asthma and COPD admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 45 years and over, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.7 Number of heart failure admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 40 years and over, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[6.8 Number of diabetes-related lower limb amputation admissions to hospital per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)  
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)

[Immunisation rates for children, 2014–15](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 1.1-Annual health assessments, 2016](#)

[Health!, Standard 17/08/2017](#)

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 2.1-Cardiac-related diagnostic tests, 2016](#)

[Health!, Standard 17/08/2017](#)

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016](#)

[Health!, Standard 17/08/2017](#)

[National Disability Agreement: d\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population who used State/Territory delivered disability support services, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\), Standard 23/05/2013](#)  
[Disability, Standard 13/08/2015](#)

[National Disability Agreement: d\(2\)-Proportion of people with a disability with an employment restriction who used Disability Employment Services \(Open Employment\), 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\), Standard 23/05/2013](#)

[Disability, Standard 13/08/2015](#)

[National Disability Agreement: d\(3\)-Proportion of the potential population who used Australian Disability Enterprises \(Supported Employment\), 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\), Standard 23/05/2013](#)

[Disability, Standard 13/08/2015](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities, Percentage of adults who are daily smokers, 2011–12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccination rates for girls turning 15 years in 2012](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccination rates for girls turning 15 years in 2013](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Immunisation rates for children, 2012](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Superseded 27/03/2014](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Immunisation rates for children, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Immunisation rates for children, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Number of selected potentially avoidable hospitalisations per 100,000 people, 2011–12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2016](#)

[Health!, Superseded 31/01/2017](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2017](#)

[Health!, Superseded 30/01/2018](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2018](#)

[Health!, Superseded 19/06/2019](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2019](#)

[Health!, Superseded 13/03/2020](#)

[Number of MBS-funded services for prostate biopsies per 100,000 men aged 40 years and over, 2013–14](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 23/11/2016](#)