

Address—telephone number, text X[X(15)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Telephone number
METEOR identifier:	452682
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 06/02/2012 Indigenous , Standard 16/09/2014 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The number, used as a contact method, that is associated to a unique provision of telephone service, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Address—telephone number
Value Domain:	Text X[X(15)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(15)]
Maximum character length:	16

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Australian telephone numbers are usually 6 to 10 digits in length.</p> <p>Alphabetic characters can be either upper or lower case as defined by the client.</p> <p>Each alphabetic character represents a number; it can be listed as either a number or letter depending on the clients' preference.</p> <p>The format and length of a telephone number is dependent on the attribute(s) of the device and how the device connects to the telephone network.</p> <p>For simplicity the standard has not separately recorded the fact that an attribute of a device may imply that it needs to use a mobile phone network, landline or other type of telephone network. This in turn influences the naming standard for the telephone number.</p>
Collection methods:	<p>Telephone numbers should be stored as characters in a row, but rules can be set up to display the number in a different format, e.g. ##### ### ##.</p> <p>When a telephone number is used in conjunction with a country code the leading 0 at the start of the telephone is to be removed e.g. 0453176731 becomes 61 453176731 or 03 999 66 999 becomes 61 3 999 66 999.</p> <p>Mobile telephone number</p> <p>The first two digits of a mobile telephone number are officially the area code for mobile telephones in Australia e.g. The mobile telephone area code for Australia is 04. For this standard the area code is defined as part of the mobile phone number, therefore no mobile phone numbers will have an associated area code.</p>

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 [Person—telephone number, text X\[X\(39\)\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
[Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005

See also [Address—Australian area code, code NN Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

See also [Address—electronic contact preference indicator, code NN Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

See also [Address—international country code, N\[NNNN\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016

See also [Address—telephone number, text X\[X\(19\)\] WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Electronic contact details data dictionary Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Service provider organisation contact information cluster Indigenous](#), Superseded 07/12/2017

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The first instance of this data element is used to collect the landline phone number of the contact person for the OATSIH Services Reporting (OSR) questionnaire.

The second instance of this data element is used to collect the mobile phone number of the contact person for the OSR questionnaire.

