

Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	611391
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 05/10/2016 Disability , Standard 15/12/2017 Indigenous , Standard 27/02/2018 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Early Childhood , Standard 24/07/2018 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018 Children and Families , Standard 20/01/2021 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The Postcode datafile code set representing Australian postcodes as defined by Australia Post.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code								
Data type:	String								
Format:	NNNN								
Maximum character length:	4								
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0097</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr><tr><td>0098</td><td>Unknown</td></tr><tr><td>0099</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	0097	Not applicable	0098	Unknown	0099	Not stated/inadequately described
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 0097 Not applicable
	This code should be used in circumstances where it is not applicable to record an Australian postcode, for example, when there is no fixed address, or when an international (non-Australian) postcode is supplied.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN} Children and Families , Superseded 20/01/2021 Commonwealth Department of Health , Standard 14/10/2015 Community Services (retired) , Standard 06/02/2012 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Early Childhood , Superseded 24/07/2018 Health! , Superseded 05/10/2016 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018 Housing assistance , Standard 02/05/2013 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 31/10/2012 Indigenous , Superseded 27/02/2018 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 WA Health , Standard 06/03/2014
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Data elements implementing this value domain:

[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

Classification scheme attributes

Classification scheme: [Postcode datafile](#)

METEOR identifier: 270561

Definition: The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a party (person or organisation), as defined by Australia Post.

Registration status: [Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Context: Postcode is an important part of a persons or organisations 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 person or organisation.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The postcode book is updated more than once annually as postcodes are dynamic entities and are constantly changing.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australia Post Postcode book. Reference through: <https://auspost.com.au/postcode>