

Open Postcode Geo – Field List

The below table describes the columns in the Open Postcode Geo dataset, in the order in which they appear in the dataset.

Field	Possible Values	Comments
postcode	[outcode][space][incode]	Standard UK postcode.
status	live terminated	Terminated postcodes are no longer in use.
usertype	small large	Large usertypes may not be geographic.
easting	int NULL	
northing	int NULL	
positional_quality_indicator	int	See Positional Quality Indicator below
country	England Wales Scotland Northern Ireland Channel Islands Isle of Man	
latitude	decimal	
longitude	decimal	
postcode_no_space	[outcode][incode]	Postcode with space removed.
postcode_fixed_width_seven	See comments	Outcode and incode separated by zero, one, or two spaces. Incode right aligned. Always seven characters in total.
postcode_fixed_width_eight	<i>See comments</i>	Outcode and incode separated by one, two or three spaces. Incode right aligned. Always eight characters in total.
postcode_area	[A-Z]{1,2}	One or two letters.
postcode_district	[outcode]	
postcode_sector	[outcode][space][number]	
outcode	[outcode]	Also known as outbound code.
incode	[incode]	Also known as inbound code.

Positional Quality Indicator

Shows the status of the assigned grid reference.

1. Within the building of the matched address closest to the postcode mean.

2. As for status value 1, except by visual inspection of Landline maps (Scotland only).
3. Approximate to within 50 metres.
4. Postcode unit mean (mean of matched addresses with the same postcode, but not snapped to a building).
5. Imputed by ONS, by reference to surrounding postcode grid references.
6. Postcode sector mean, (mainly PO Boxes).
7. Not used.
8. Postcode terminated prior to Gridlink® initiative, last known ONS postcode grid reference.
9. No grid reference available.