



TRANSLATION MASTER FILE - POSTAL CODE GEOCODES

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PROJECT TITLE

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DATE RANGE

From (yyyy/mm/dd)

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Description

MoH Translation Master File (TMF) is sourced from BC Stats which uses a precision-based point file created by DMTI Spatial using the most accurate sources available to locate the postal codes. Because there are often multiple locations for a particular postal code, the geocoding is based on the best representative point for any particular postal code. The DMTI Spatial allocation of most probable postal code might not be similar with Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF+) allocation of postal codes to Dissemination Areas.

The TMF allows the aggregation of records from postal coded administrative files to user defined areas such as municipalities, school districts, local health areas, etc., in a timely and cost effective manner. Postal codes are constantly being added and retired. Using a base file closest to the date of the data collected will provide the best results as the tool will geocodes those postal codes that are active at that time as well as retired. Determining if a postal code is active or retired can be done by using the EFFECTIVE\_DATE and END\_DATE fields.

The data dictionary for the TMF variables in this checklist is available at: www.gov.bc.ca/health/forms/5512datadictionary.pdf

NOTE: The TMF has been designed to be used in conjunction with the Client Roster Checklist in order to provide the requestor a wider option of geographies to select from. The postal code will serve as a link between the Client Roster subjects' address and the TMF's various geographies and is not intended for release in usual circumstances.

FIELD NAMES	VARIABLE NAMES	REASON FOR REQUEST
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal code - <b>not released in usual circumstances - it is just a link key between individual address and other levels of geographical information</b>	POSTAL_CODE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Date	EFFECTIVE_DATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Date	END_DATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Latitude	LATITUDE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Longitude	LONGITUDE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Name	COMMUNITY_NAME	
<input type="checkbox"/> Census Division	CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Census Subdivision	CSD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality Name	MUNICIPALITY_NAME	
<input type="checkbox"/> Census Metropolitan Area And Census Agglomeration Area	CMACA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Census Tract	CT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dissemination Area	DA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Placename Listing	DPL	
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Region	DR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Authority	HA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Service Delivery Areas	HSDA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Health Area	LHA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Micro Health Areas	MHA	
<input type="checkbox"/> MCFD Regions	MCFD	
<input type="checkbox"/> MCFD Service Delivery Areas	MCFD_SDA	
<input type="checkbox"/> MCFD Local Service Areas	MCFD_LSA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Electoral District	PED1999	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Electoral District	PED2009	
<input type="checkbox"/> School District	SD	
<input type="checkbox"/> College Regions	CR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Electoral Districts	FED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Police Services Respondent Codes	RESP	