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# **Obligation - Data Set Specifications**

The following information is applicable to data set specifications (DSS) only.

### **Definition**

An indicator of whether a data element or DSS is mandatory, optional or conditional for the data collection or transmission.

## **Obligation**

Mandatory completion.

## **Development rules**

Mandatory completion signifies that the data element/DSS must be included.

Conditional completion signifies that under specific criteria, a data element/DSS must be included. The criterion by which a value can be included can be specified within the Verification rules attribute.

Optional completion signifies that a data element/data set specification may or may not be collected.

To add the obligation:

1. Click the drop down menu and select the appropriate option.