

Person—government funding identifier, Department of Veterans' Affairs file number AAXXNNNNA

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Department of Veterans' Affairs file number
METEOR identifier:	339127
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 31/08/2007• Health, Standard 29/11/2006• Tasmanian Health, Standard 02/09/2016• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A unique personal identifier issued to a veteran by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
Data Element Concept:	Person—government funding identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	AAXXNNNN[A]
Maximum character length:	9

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

1st character is the state code (an alphabetic character) - N, V, Q, W, S or T for the appropriate state/territory. Australian Capital Territory is included in New South Wales (N) and Northern Territory with South Australia (S).

Next 7 characters are the file number, made up of:

War code + numeric digits, where:

if War code is 1 alphabetic character, add 6 numeric characters (ANNNNNN)

Where there is no war code as is the case with World War 1 veterans, insert a blank and add 6 numeric characters (NNNNNN)

if War code is 2 alphabetic characters, add 5 numeric characters (AANNNNN)

if War code is 3 alphabetic characters, add 4 numeric characters (AAANNNN)

The 9th character is the segment link. For dependents of veterans, the 9th character is always an alphabetic character. The alphabetic code is generated in the order by which the cards are issued. For example A, B, C, D etc.

CAUTIONARY NOTE: For veterans the 9th character is left blank

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

The Department of Veterans' Affairs file number should only be collected from persons eligible to receive health services that are to be funded by the DVA. The number may be reported to the appropriate government agency to reconcile payment for the service provided.

DVA card number:

This number is the digitised version of the file number. If paper claims are optically scanned by the Health Insurance Commission, the digitised version of the file number is picked up by the scanner and converted to the normal file number format. For manual claims, the gold and white cards may be used in conjunction with the data element and an imprinter. This method records the DVA file number and other card details on a manual voucher.

The data should not be used by private sector organisations for any purpose unless specifically authorised by law. For example, private sector organisations should not use the DVA file number for data linking unless specifically authorised by relevant privacy legislation.

This number must be recorded by a service provider each time a service is provided to a person who holds the entitlement for reimbursement purposes.

Comments:

All veterans and veteran community clients are issued with a DVA file number. The veteran community may access many different benefits, ranging from pensions to health services, through their DVA file number.

Note that Veterans may have a Medicare card number and a Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) number or only a DVA number.

DVA has three (3) types of health cards:

- Gold Card
- White Card
- Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card.

Each card indicates, to the health provider, the level of health services the holder is eligible for, at the DVA expense.

The Gold card enables the holder to access a comprehensive range of health care and related services, for all conditions, whether they are related to war service or not.

The White card enables the holder to access health care and associated services for war or service-related conditions. Veterans of Australian forces may also be issued this card to receive treatment for malignant cancer, pulmonary tuberculosis and post traumatic stress disorder and, for Vietnam veterans only, anxiety or depression, irrespective of whether these conditions are related to war service or not.

The white card holders are eligible to receive, for specific conditions, treatment from registered medical, hospital, pharmaceutical, dental and allied health care providers with whom DVA has arrangements.

A white card is also issued to eligible ex-service personnel who are from other countries, which enter into arrangements with the Australian government for the treatment of the conditions that these countries accept as war related.

When a gold/white card holder accesses health services at DVA expense, the DVA File Number is critical and should be used. The person's Medicare card number is not required or relevant.

It should be noted that there are a number of gold card holders who do not have a Medicare card.

The Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits card is an orange coloured card issued to eligible veterans and merchant mariners from Britain and the Commonwealth and other allied countries. This card enables the holder to access the range of pharmaceutical items available under the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. It does not provide access to other health services.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—government funding identifier, Department of Veterans' Affairs file number AAXXNNNN\[A\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 29/11/2006

See also [Person—Department of Veterans' Affairs entitlement status, health care card, code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 16/11/2009

See also [Person—government funding identifier, Department of Veterans' Affairs card colour, code AAA](#)

- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/07/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a DVA card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a DVA card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a DVA card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a DVA card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 15/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a DVA card

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

DSS specific information:

Department of Veterans' Affairs file number is collected in the NAPAAWL DC against the following data item:

PER_DVA_NUMBER

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

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