

# Similar but different entity cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Set Specification
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	554856
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2016
<b>DSS type:</b>	Data Element Cluster
<b>Scope:</b>	The Similar but different entity cluster includes data elements that define identifiers that have similar identifying information but belong to different entities. This cluster also describes information about the organisation or individual provider which confirms that similar records are not duplicates and the date this confirmation occurs.

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	Provision should be made in systems for regular monitoring of new and changed entries which are similar enough to possibly be the same entity, for example identical twins or an identically named parent and child. It is necessary to be able to indicate clearly that two entries are not actually duplicates and ensure they do not appear on lists of potential duplicates for follow-up.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014. Person and provider identification in healthcare, Section 3.6 Similar but different entity. Sydney: Standards Australia.

## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	See also <a href="#">Identifier—investigation flag, yes/no code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2016
	See also <a href="#">Identifier—investigation outcome, duplicate/intertwined/similar record code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2016

<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<a href="#">Identification in healthcare cluster</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2016
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>
	Conditional on <a href="#">Identifier—investigation outcome, duplicate/intertwined/similar record code N</a> being recorded as code 3 'Similar but different record'.

### **DSS specific information:**

Recorded when similar but different entities are confirmed. It can be recorded multiple times, to accommodate the possibility of more than two similar but different entities in an identifier issuer's records.

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Identifier—similar identifier designation, text X[X(19)]</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Identifier—similar entity confirmed by, text X[X(199)]</a>	Mandatory	1
3	<a href="#">Identifier—similar entity confirmation date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
4	<a href="#">Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA</a>	Mandatory	1

***DSS specific information:***

Recorded in conjunction with the data elements within this cluster that are used to record a date.