

Person—date of death, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Date of death

METEOR identifier: 646025

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 03/05/2021

Definition: The date upon which a person ceases to live, expressed as DDMMYYYY.

Context: Required for:

- statistical survival analysis for derivation of the length of time between diagnosis with primary cancer and death
- where it is necessary to identify that a person has died (e.g. in a longitudinal health record or provider index).

Data Element Concept: [Person—date of death](#)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Date

Data type: Date/Time

Format: DDMMYYYY

Maximum character length: 8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Recorded for persons who have died.

Where [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#) is collected, Date of death must be equal to or greater than Date of birth for the same person.

Collection methods: It is recommended that in cases where all components of the date of death are not known or where an estimate is arrived at from age, a valid date be used together with a flag to indicate that it is an estimate.

For record identification and/or the derivation of other metadata items that require accurate date of death information, estimated dates of death should be identified by a date accuracy indicator to prevent inappropriate use of date of death data. The linking of client records from diverse sources, the sharing of patient data, and data analysis for research and planning all rely heavily on the accuracy and integrity of the collected data. In order to maintain data integrity and the greatest possible accuracy an indication of the accuracy of the date collected is critical. The collection of [Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#) may be essential in confirming or refuting the positive identification of a person. For this reason it is strongly recommended that the [Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#) data element also be recorded at the time of record creation to flag the accuracy of the data.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Standards Australia 2014: AS4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Standards Australia: Sydney.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—date of death, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Incomplete 23/07/2012
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Individual demographic identifiers cluster Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

Conditional obligation:

Recorded for a person who has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2018–19 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2023–24 Health](#), Recorded 09/08/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.1–Incidence of heart attacks \(acute coronary events\), 2019 Health](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.1–Incidence of heart attacks \(acute coronary events\), 2020 Health](#), Standard 13/10/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 11-Colorectal cancer mortality rate Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018