

# Person—date of death, YYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Date of death year
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	743730
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a> , Recorded 30/10/2023 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 06/05/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The date upon which a person ceases to live, expressed as YYYY.
<b>Context:</b>	Required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• statistical survival analysis for derivation of the length of time between diagnosis with primary cancer and death</li><li>• where it is necessary to identify that a person has died (e.g. in a longitudinal health record or provider index).</li></ul>
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—date of death</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date YYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Date
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	YYYY
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Recorded for persons who have died.  Where <a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a> is collected, Date of death must be equal to or greater than Date of birth for the same person.
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**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:** Department of Health Tasmania  
**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Reference documents:** Standards Australia 2014: AS4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Standards Australia:Sydney.

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Baby discharge data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 17/11/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2025

[Mother discharge related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 17/11/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2025

[National mortality database DSS 1964-1967](#)

[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 11/08/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/1964

**Implementation end date:** 31/12/1967

**DSS specific information:**

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

[National mortality database DSS 1968-1977](#)

[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 30/10/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/1968

**Implementation end date:** 31/12/1977

**DSS specific information:**

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

[National mortality database DSS 1978](#)

[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 30/10/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/1978

**Implementation end date:** 31/12/1978

**DSS specific information:**

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of

death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

[National mortality database DSS 1979](#)

[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 30/10/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/1979

**Implementation end date:** 31/12/1979

**DSS specific information:**

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/11/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 10/11/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2025

**Conditional obligation:**

Only required when the person is deceased