

# Person—age at death, code N[NN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Age at death
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	770146
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a> , Recorded 01/02/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The age of the deceased person at time of death, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—age at death</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Age at death code N[NN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1-120	Age in years
	201-211	Age in months
	301-307	Age in days
	314	Two weeks
	321	Three weeks
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	499	Less than 1 day
	999	Age not stated

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This value domain can be used to represent ages at death in days, months or years, as follows.

CODES 1 to 120 'Age in years'

This code range represents the age in completed years at death, where the age at death is  $\geq 1$  year. Each code value corresponds to a year value, for example, code value 1 corresponds to '1 year'.

CODES 201 to 211 'Age in months'

This code range represents the age in completed months at death, where the age at death is between 1 and 11 months inclusive. The last two digits correspond to a month value, for example, code value 201 corresponds to '1 month'.

CODES 301 to 307 'Age in days'

This code range represents the age in completed days at death, where the age at death is between 1 and 7 days inclusive. The last digit corresponds to a day value, for example, code value 301 corresponds to '1 day'.

Note, age at death  $> 8$  days and  $< 1$  month are coded either CODE 314 'Two weeks', or CODE 321 'Three weeks.'

CODE 314 'Two weeks'

This code represents an age at death of 2 weeks.

CODE 321 'Three weeks'

This code represents an age at death of 3 weeks.

CODE 499 'Less than 1 day'

This code represents age at death  $< 1$  day.

CODE 999 'Age not stated'

This code is used where the age at death is not stated.

**Comments:** If age at death is not provided, the Australian Bureau of Statistics imputes the age at death from the date of birth and date of death where possible.

For some deaths prior to 1980, an infant death may have been coded as '0'.

Previous documentation indicates some differences in coding infant deaths for New South Wales and Queensland before 1983.

Documentation on interpreting the exact age in days of infants assigned CODE 314 'Two weeks' or CODE 321 'Three weeks' is no longer available.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** National Mortality Database.

## Data element attributes

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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[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

[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

[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

[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