

# Person—date of death

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Date of death
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	287299
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 30/09/2005 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 05/10/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The date of death of the person.
<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>

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the <i>Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</i> and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) <i>Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</i> , which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.</i> Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <a href="https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx">https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx</a>  ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, <a href="http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012&gt;Main+Features12016?OpenDocument">http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument</a>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Date of death](#)  
**Definition:** The date on which an individual died.  
**Property group:** [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Person—date of death](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018  
[Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 03/05/2021

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Person—date of death, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015