Person—date of death, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Date of death |
| METEOR identifier: | 646025 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 05/10/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/646023) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Recorded for persons who have died.  Where [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/287007) 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/294429) 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/294429) 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/287305)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 30/09/2005  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/10/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/5), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Individual demographic identifiers cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/528542)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 05/10/2016  ***Conditional obligation:***   Recorded for a person who has died.  [National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2018–19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/694107)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/707481)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/715323)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/727407)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742048)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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.  [Person related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/743771)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/715234)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 09/04/2020  [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.1–Incidence of heart attacks (acute coronary events), 2020](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/728383)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 13/10/2021  [National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 11-Colorectal cancer mortality rate](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/694189)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 06/09/2018 |