



National Death Index

Matching Criteria

The NDI Retrieval Program is used to search the NDI file to determine whether a particular NDI death record qualifies as a possible record match with a particular user record. To qualify as a possible match, both records must satisfy at least one of the 7 conditions or matching criteria listed below. The specified data items must agree on both records.

- 1. Social Security number.**
- 2. Exact month and ± 1 year of birth, first and last name.**
- 3. Exact month and ± 1 year of birth, first and middle initials, last name.**
- 4. Exact month and day of birth, first and last name.**
- 5. Exact month and day of birth, first and middle initials, last name.**
- 6. Exact month and year of birth, first name, father's surname.**
- 7. If the subject is female: exact month and year of birth, first name, last name (user's record) and father's surname (NDI record).**

NOTE: All matches on last name and father's surname are performed on the basis of either exact spelling or NYSIIS Phonetic Codes (New York State Identification and Intelligence System).

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