



COMPLIANCE COMPONENT

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DEFINITION									
Name	Social Security Number Element Standard (USA)								
Description	The Social Security Number (SSN) is a number issued to citizens, permanent residents, and temporary (working) residents of the USA. It is issued to an individual by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Ostensibly, its primary purpose is tracking working individuals for taxation purposes and to track Social Security benefits. However, in recent years, the SSN has become a de facto national identification number and is considered sensitive by many State agencies.								
Rationale	The original purpose of this number was to administer the Social Security program, but it has come to be used also as a “primary key” (a de facto national ID number) for individuals within the United States. A large number of State applications use the Social Security number for this purpose and it should be used consistently amongst current agency applications and databases.								
Benefits	The Social Security number is a critical component in many State agency applications. The Social Security number is used in facilitating the transfer of information as well as matching data between different systems. A uniform and consistent definition for this data element is necessary if this is to be accomplished.								
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTURE LEVELS									
Specify the Domain Name	Information								
Specify the Discipline Name	Data Management								
Specify the Technology Area Name	Enterprise Data Standards								
Specify the Product Component Name									
COMPLIANCE COMPONENT TYPE									
Document the Compliance Component Type	Standard								
Component Sub-type									
COMPLIANCE DETAIL									
State the Guideline, Standard or Legislation	Social Security Number Element Standard shall comply with the following:								
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	* Proper use of this field requires appropriate constraints as listed below.								
The Social Security Number is a nine-digit number in the format NNN-NN-NNNN. The number is divided into three parts.									
The first three digits are the area number. The area is determined by where the individual applied for the SSN (before March 1972) or resided at time of application (since March 1972). As the areas assigned to a locality are exhausted, new areas from the pool are assigned. This has caused some states to have noncontiguous groups of areas. The middle two digits are the group number. They have no									

	special geographic or data significance but merely serve to break the number into conveniently sized blocks for orderly issuance. The last four digits are serial numbers. They represent a straight numerical sequence of digits from 0001-9999 within the group. Currently, a valid SSN cannot have the first three digits (the area number) above 772, the highest area number which the Social Security Administration has allocated. There are also special numbers which will never be allocated and therefore serve as constraints for this field: • Numbers with all zeros in a digit group (000-xx-xxxx, xxx-00-xxxx, xxx-xx-0000). • Numbers with the form 666-xx-xxxx, though the omission of this area number is not acknowledged by the SSA, it remains unassigned. • Numbers from 987-65-4320 to 987-54-4329 are reserved for advertising use. • SSA publishes the highest group number used for each area number. Since these are allocated in a regular (if unusual) pattern, it may be possible to identify an invalid SSN by accidental inclusion of an invalid group.		
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Compliance Sources			
Name	Social Security Administration	Website	www.ssa.gov
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Name		Website	
Contact Information			
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COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION			
Provide the Classification	☐ Emerging ☒ Current ☐ Twilight ☐ Sunset		
Sunset Date			
COMPONENT SUB-CLASSIFICATION			
Sub-Classification	Date	Additional Sub-Classification Information	
☐ Technology Watch			
☐ Variance			
☐ Conditional Use			
Rationale for Component Classification			
Document the Rationale for Component Classification			
Migration Strategy			
Document the Migration Strategy			

Impact Position Statement			
Document the Position Statement on Impact			
CURRENT STATUS			
Provide the Current Status	☐ In Development	☐ Under Review	☒ Approved ☐ Rejected
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