

**Dual coding** , in [cause-of-death](#) statistics, is the assignment of two codes to a [death](#) ; it can have different meanings:

- in [ICD-10 Vol. 2](#) (page 22), dual coding refers to dagger-asterisk combinations and other optional dual coding;
- in the context of [bridge coding](#) , it refers to the process of coding data twice for two different classifications or methods in order to determine comparability;
- it can also refer to the independent manual coding of the same deaths, using the same classification methods, by different coders and/or different cause-of-death statistics offices; this is usually an exercise in measuring the quality and consistency of cause-of-death coding.

## Related concepts

- [Bridge coding](#)
- [Cause of death](#)
- [Correspondence table](#)
- [Death](#)
- [International classification of diseases \(ICD\)](#)

## Statistical data

- [Causes of death statistics](#)

## External links

- [World Health Organization - International classification of diseases](#)

## Source

- [ICD-10 Vol. 2](#) (page 22)