



ISBT 128 DIN Overview

The donation identification number, which is commonly referred to as the DIN, is the *ISBT 128* term used to identify the specific unit number assigned to a particular donation.

The DIN is structured in a way that allows each collection to be globally unique. This prevents hospitals from receiving duplicate unit numbers, originating from multiple locations. The uniqueness of the DIN improves patient safety because each unit can be traced back to the collection center and donor.

The DIN is 13 characters long and is composed of three parts:

- 1) the facility identification number (FIN) – this is a 5 character identification number assigned to a collection center when it is registered with ICCBBA. The center assigning the DIN will incorporate their particular FIN into this section.
- 2) the collection year – is a 2 digit number indicating the year in which the DIN was assigned.
- 3) the serial number – this is a 6 digit serial number controlled and maintained by the center assigning the DIN.

Without all three parts the DIN will not be globally unique.

Example of a DIN:

G1517 09 123456

- 1) **G1517**: is the FIN of the center that collected the donation. This particular FIN identifies Welsh Blood Services.
- 2) **09**: this indicates that the DIN was assigned in 2009.
- 3) **123456**: this is the particular sequence number given to the donation.

The DIN should not be shortened or referred to as anything other than all the 13 characters combined.