How to read an NIH Grant Number

Application Type	Activity Code	Administering Org	Serial Number	Grant Year	Other
3	R01	CA	065412	04	S1A1

Application Type Code - A single-digit code identifying the type of application received and processed.   The codes are as follows:

1. New - Request for Department of Health and Human Services support of a project that has not yet been funded.
2. Competing Continuation - Request for an additional term of support based on a funded previous project; must compete for available funds.
3. Supplement - Request for additional funds for a current award, to cover increased costs (noncompeting) or to expand the scope of work (competing).
4. Extension - Request for additional funds beyond the years previously awarded; limited to certain activities, including MERIT (R37) and certain Fellowship (F) and Career (K) awards. These F and K applications do not compete for funds. R37's do require National Advisory Council review.
5. Noncompeting Continuation - Request to pay next budget increment of a current award; does not compete for available funds.
6. Change of Institute or Division - Request for support (cf. Type 1) of a fellowship or training project that has been transferred from one ICD to another.
7. Change of Grantee or Training Institution - Request for support of a funded project that has been transferred from one grantee or training institution to another.
8. Change of Institute or Division (noncompeting continuation) - Noncompeting continuation (cf. Type 5) that has been transferred from one ICD to another.

Activity Code - A three-digit code identifying a specific category of extramural activity (e.g., R01, R03, R33, T32, F33, R44, U01). A comprehensive list of [Activity Codes](#) is available.

Administering Organization Code (Also referred to as an IC Code or Admin PHS Org Code) - A two-letter code identifying the primary NIH Institute or Center to which the application is assigned. In the above example, "CA" refers to the National Cancer Institute. A comprehensive list of [Administering Organization Codes](#) is available.

Serial Number - A six-digit number generally assigned sequentially to a series within an NIH Institute or Center.

Suffixes - A field composed of the following components:

- **Grant year** - A two-digit number indicates the actual segment or budget period of a project. The grant year number (01, 02, etc.) is preceded by a dash to separate it from the serial number; e.g., AI 12345-02 or CA 00900-04. The grant year number is increased by one for each succeeding renewal year. Thus, the 04 year suffix in the example above identifies a grant in its fourth year.
- **Supplement** - The letter "S" and related number identify a particular supplemental record; e.g., S1, S2. Supplement designations follow the grant year or the amendment designation, as the case may be; e.g., AI 12345-01S1 and CA 00900-04A1S2.
- **Amendment** - The letter "A" and related number identify each amended application e.g., A1, A2, etc. Amendment designations follow the grant year or the supplement designation, as the case may be; e.g., DE 34567-02A1 and HL 45678-01S1A2.