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The *Zw.d* format writes standard numeric data with leading zeros. It is similar to the *w.d* format except that *Zw.d* pads right-aligned output with zeros instead of blanks.



Exercise 2

Which FORMAT statement creates the output shown below?

a. `format Birth_Date Hire_Date mmddyy10.
Term_Date monyy7.;`

b. `format Birth_Date Hire_Date ddmmyyyy.
Term_Date mmmyyyy.;`

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• **Character formats must have a dollar sign as the first character and a letter or underscore as the second character.**

User-defined formats cannot be given the name of a format provided by SAS.

Exercise 4

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- a. Tier 1
- b. Tier 2
- c. 50000
- d. a missing value

```
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run;
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Exercise 4 solution

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