

Decoding the New D NOTAM

All D NOTAMs will follow a set format with several specific elements:

1. An exclamation point (!)
2. Identifier for the accountable location (e.g., IAD)
3. Identifier for the affected location or nearest public-use airport (e.g., IAD)
4. Keyword (*one of the 12 described above*)
5. Surface identification (*if appropriate to the subject of the D NOTAM*)
6. Condition being reported
7. Effective time(s) of the condition (*reported as WEF, or “when in effect”*)

The “surface identification” element is used only if needed. For example, it provides the runway identification for any runway-related NOTAMs, or the taxiway identification for taxiway-related NOTAMs.

!MIV MIV RWY 10/28 CLSD WEF 0707011200- 0802011200-0802051600

HEADER			BODY			FOOTER
(!)	Accountable Location	Affected Location	Keyword	Surface Identification	Condition	Effective Times
!	MIV	MIV	RWY	10/28	CLSD	WEF 0802011200- 0802051600

The (WEF) time includes both a “start” set and an “ending” set. The digits in each pair always appear in the following order: Year (2 digits) – month (2 digits) – day (2 digits) – Zulu (UTC) time (4 digits). Using the example above:

	Year	Month	Day	Time (UTC)
Start	08	02	01	1200
End	08	02	05	1600

Putting it all together, the D NOTAM above advises pilots that Runway 10/28 at Millville Municipal Airport (MIV) will be closed from 1200Z (0800 EDT) on February 1, 2008, until 1600Z (1200 EDT) on February 5, 2008.