

Person—level of highest educational attainment, code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of highest educational attainment
METEOR identifier:	321069
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 29/04/2006
Definition:	The highest level of education achieved by a person in relation to completed education, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of highest educational attainment
Value Domain:	Education level code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Classification of Education 2001
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	01	Postgraduate Degree Level
	02	Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Level
	03	Bachelor Degree Level
	04	Advanced Diploma and Diploma Level
	05	Certificate Level
	06	Senior Secondary Education (e.g. Year 12, Senior Secondary Certificate of Education)
	07	Junior Secondary Education (e.g. Year 10)
	08	Primary Education
	09	Pre-primary Education
	10	Other education
Supplementary values:	88	No Education
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 01 Postgraduate Degree Level
	Includes Higher Doctorate, Doctorate by Research, Doctorate by Coursework, Professional Specialist Qualification at Doctoral Degree Level, Statement of Attainment at Doctoral Degree Level, Bridging and Enabling Course at Doctoral Degree Level, Master Degree by Research , Master Degree by Coursework , Professional Specialist Qualification at Master Degree Level , Statement of

Attainment at Master Degree Level , Bridging and Enabling Course at Master Degree Level.

CODE 02 Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Level

Includes Graduate Diploma, Graduate Qualifying or Preliminary, Professional Specialist Qualification at Graduate Diploma Level, Statement of Attainment at Graduate Diploma Level, Bridging and Enabling Course at Graduate Diploma Level, Graduate Certificate, Professional Specialist Qualification at Graduate Certificate Level, Statement of Attainment at Graduate Certificate Level, and Bridging and Enabling Course at Graduate Certificate Level.

CODE 03 Bachelor Degree Level

Includes Bachelor (Honours) Degree, Bachelor (Pass) Degree, Statement of Attainment at Bachelor Degree Level, and Bridging and Enabling Course at Bachelor Degree Level.

CODE 04 Advanced Diploma and Diploma Level

Includes Advanced Diploma, Statement of Attainment at Advanced Diploma Level, Associate Degree, Statement of Attainment at Associate Degree Level, Bridging and Enabling Course at Advanced Diploma and Associate Degree Level, Diploma, Statement of Attainment at Diploma Level, and Bridging and Enabling Course at Diploma Level.

CODE 05 Certificate Level

Includes Certificate IV, Statement of Attainment at Certificate IV Level, Bridging and Enabling Course at Certificate IV Level, Certificate III, Statement of Attainment at Certificate III Level, Bridging and Enabling Course at Certificate III Level, Certificate II, Statement of Attainment at Certificate II Level, Bridging and Enabling Course at Certificate II Level, Certificate, and Statement of Attainment at Certificate I Level.

CODE 06 Senior Secondary Education

Includes Year 12, Bridging and Enabling Course at Senior Secondary Level, and Year 11.

CODE 07 Junior Secondary Education

Includes Year 7 (NSW, Vic., Tas., ACT), and year 8 to 10.

CODE 08 Primary Education

Includes Pre-Year 1, Years 1 to 6, and year 7 (QLD, SA, WA, NT).

CODE 09 Pre-primary Education

Includes Pre-primary Education.

CODE 10 Other education

Includes Non-award Courses in Higher Education, Non-award Courses in Higher Education, Statements of Attainment not Identifiable by Level, Bridging and Enabling Courses not Identifiable by Level and Education, n.e.c.

CODE 88 No education

Applies only when the person reports that they have not completed any level of education whatsoever.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Comments:

This codeset allows for data on Junior secondary education and Senior secondary education to be collected at the first level of detail along with the other first level detail data in the ASCED. The ASCED allows for collection of the junior and senior secondary education data at the second level of the classification.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001. Cat. no. 1272.0. Canberra: ABS.

Online reference through:

[Level of Education Structure - Australian Standard Classification of Education \(ASCED\)](#)

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The highest level of educational attainment is the highest qualification reported by a person in any field of study, or the highest year of school completed, whichever is the higher.

This value domain allows for mapping of data to data obtained using the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001 from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

There are two exceptions to this:

1. Data using this codeset cannot be mapped to the ASCED for codes 06 and 07 unless the data from both is combined. When combined this data maps to ASCED code 6.

2. The ASCED does not collect information about a person having no educational qualifications whatsoever.

Collection methods:

The recommended question wording for this metadata item is as follows:

'What is the highest level of education you/the person/(name) has completed?'
(Mark one box only).

The focus of the item is completed education, so if the person is in Year 11, then the category Junior Secondary Education (Year 10) should be marked as the highest level of education completed.

Source and reference attributes


Submitting organisation:

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—level of highest educational attainment, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 29/04/2006

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Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P18a-Proportion of 20-24 year olds having attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II \(Census Data\), 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/04/2011

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P18b-Proportion of 20-24 year olds having attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II \(Survey Data\), 2010](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P27a-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in AQF Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma \(Census data\), 2010](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12a-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(Census data\), 2013](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12a-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(Census data\), 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12b-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(survey data\), 2013](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12b-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(survey data\), 2013](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12b-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(survey data\), 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12b-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(survey data\), 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15a-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above, \(Census data\) 2013](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15a-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above, \(Census data\) 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15b-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above \(survey data\), 2013](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 18a-Proportion of 20-24 year olds having attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II \(Census Data\), 2011](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 18a-Proportion of 20-24 year olds having attained at least a Year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate level II \(Census Data\), 2012](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 18b-Proportion of 20-24 year olds having attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II \(Survey Data\), 2011](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 27a-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate III or above, \(Census data\) 2011](#)

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[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 27b-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64](#)

[year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate III or above \(Survey data\), 2011](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2012

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