

Person (employed)—education field of highest relevant qualification, early childhood education and care field of qualification code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Field of highest relevant qualification (early childhood education and care)
METEOR identifier:	388641
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Superseded 07/06/2011
Definition:	The field of education in which a person has attained their highest qualification relevant to early childhood education and care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person (employed)—education field of highest relevant qualification
Value Domain:	Early childhood education and care field of qualification code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Teaching (early childhood related)
	2	Teaching (primary)
	3	Teaching (other)
	4	Child Care
	5	Nursing (including Mothercraft Nursing)
	6	Other human welfare studies and services
	7	Behavioural science
	8	Other early childhood related
	9	Other qualification not related to early childhood
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable (No qualification)
	98	Unknown (Qualification unknown)
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**Permissible values**

The value domain uses the Field of Education classification of Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED). This is a three-level hierarchical Classification specifying broad, narrow and detailed fields of study.

CODE 1 Teaching (early childhood related)-ASCED 070101

CODE 2 Teaching (primary)-ASCED 070103

CODE 3 Teaching (other)-ASCED 070105-070199

This field includes special education, and teaching English as a second language.

CODE 4 Child Care - maps to Children's services-ASCED 090503

Examples of subjects in this detailed field include:

- storytelling
- infant and child care and development
- early childhood research
- understanding and guiding children's behaviour
- play and learning environment.

CODE 5 Nursing (including Mothercraft Nursing)-ASCED 0603

Note 4 digit level as includes all nursing categories.

CODE 6 Other human welfare studies and services-ASCED 090501, 090505-090599

This field includes:

- social work (090501)
- youth work (090505)
- care for the Disabled (090509)
- residential client care (090511)
- counselling (090513)
- welfare studies (090515)
- human welfare studies and services (090599)

CODE 7 Behavioural science (ASCED 090701-090799)

This field includes:

- psychology (090701)
- behavioural science (090799)

CODE 8 Other early childhood related

This includes other early education and care related fields not classifiable in any of the above categories.

CODE 9 Other qualification not related to early childhood

This includes other fields of education not classifiable in any of the above categories

Supplementary values

CODE 97 Not applicable

Use this code when there is no qualification

CODE 98 Unknown

Use this code when the qualification is unknown

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG)

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) Cat. No. 1272.0. Canberra: ABS.

Reference through

<<http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/StatsLibrary>>

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This is the specific field of education in which the early childhood education and care worker has attained their highest early childhood education and care related qualification.

This item is only applicable to paid contact workers/caregivers in child care and preschool services.

Collection methods:

Comments: The 'No qualification' and 'Qualification unknown' categories have been put into the Supplementary values field to ensure that the permissible values only refer to the field of education. Future development - suggest separating this data element into a yes/no indicator data element to determine whether the person has a qualification or not, and a field of education data element.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person \(employed\)—education field of highest qualification, children's services code N\[N\]](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 21/05/2010

Has been superseded by [Person \(employed\)—education field of highest relevant qualification, early childhood education and care, code N\[N\]](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

See also [Person \(employed\)—level of highest qualification in employment field, early childhood education and care, code N\[N\]](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2010](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2010](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education: 2009, P02-Number of teachers delivering preschool programs who are four year university trained and early childhood qualified, 2010](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 08/08/2012

[National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education: 2009, P02-Number of teachers delivering preschool programs who are four year university trained and early childhood qualified, 2010](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 08/08/2012