Person—level of highest non-school qualification, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of highest non-school qualification
Synonymous names:	Level of education
METEOR identifier:	398769
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012 Disability, Standard 13/08/2015 Health!, Superseded 28/04/2016
Definition:	The highest non-school qualification attained by a person, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—level of highest non-school qualification
Synonymous names:	Level of education
METEOR identifier:	398758
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 25/08/2011 Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012 Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The highest non-school qualification attained by a person.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Level of highest non-school qualification

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Non-school qualification level code N
METEOR identifier:	376007
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012 Disability, Standard 13/08/2015 Health!, Superseded 28/04/2016
Definition:	A code set representing a non-school qualification level.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Trade Certificate (Certificate I-IV)
	2	Advanced Diploma and Diploma
	3	Bachelor degree
	4	Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate
	5	Postgraduate degree
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Non-school qualifications are awarded for educational attainments other than those of pre-primary, primary or secondary education. They include qualifications at the Postgraduate Degree level, Master Degree level, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate level, Bachelor Degree level, Advanced Diploma and Diploma level, and Certificates I, II, III and IV levels.

CODE 1   Trade Certificate (Certificate I-IV)

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 I, and Statement of Attainment at Certificate I level.

CODE 2   Advanced Diploma and Diploma

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. Excludes Graduate Diploma.

CODE 3   Bachelor degree

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

CODE 4   Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate

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 5   Postgraduate degree

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 9   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:	The categories in this metadata item are based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian Standard Classification of Education, Level of Education (ASCED) 2001.
	CODE 1 Trade Certificate (Certificate I-IV) maps to Broad Level, 5 Certificate Level of the ASCED
	CODE 2 Advanced Diploma and Diploma maps to Broad Level 4, Advanced Diploma and Diploma of the ASCED
	CODE 3 Bachelor Degree maps to Broad Level 3 Bachelor degree of the ASCED
	CODE 4 Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate maps to Broad Level 2, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate of the ASCED
	CODE 5 Postgraduate degree maps to Broad Level 1 Postgraduate Degree level

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001. Cat. no. 1272.0. Canberra: ABS

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	Operationally, 'level of highest non-school qualification' is defined as the highest completed non-school qualification reported for a person in any field of education except General Primary and Secondary Education Programmes. Data are obtained by direct question and often sequenced to follow a direct question on 'Highest year of school completed'. The question is worded in terms of qualifications attained and when information is not collected about multiple qualifications, the result is dependent on respondent perception of 'highest'.
	The 'Level of highest non-school qualification' excludes partial completion of or current participation in a course of study and Statements of attainment awarded for partial completion of a course of study at a particular level.
	Qualifications generally associated with school education, such as the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, are excluded from this data element even if they are awarded as the result of study at a non-school institution (ABS 2001).
Comments:	The level of non-school qualification categories are based on the ABS Australian Standard Classification of Education, Level of Education (ASCED) 2001.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2001. Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001. ABS cat. no. 1272.0. Canberra: ABS
	ABS 2002. Education variables. ABS cat. no. 1246.0. Canberra: ABS

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by [Person—non-school qualification completed, level of non-school qualification code N](#)
	[Health!,](#) Standard 28/04/2016
	See also [Person—non-school qualification indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
	[Community Services (retired),](#) Standard 06/02/2012
	[Disability,](#) Standard 13/08/2015
	[Health!,](#) Standard 25/08/2011
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	[Disability services client details cluster](#)
	[Community Services (retired),](#) Standard 10/04/2013
	[Disability,](#) Standard 13/08/2015
	[Non-school qualification cluster](#)
	[Health!,](#) Superseded 28/04/2016
	Conditional obligation: Conditional on the person having completed a non-school qualification.
	DSS specific information: This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by highest level of completed education.