

Early childhood education and care worker cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

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Registration status: [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

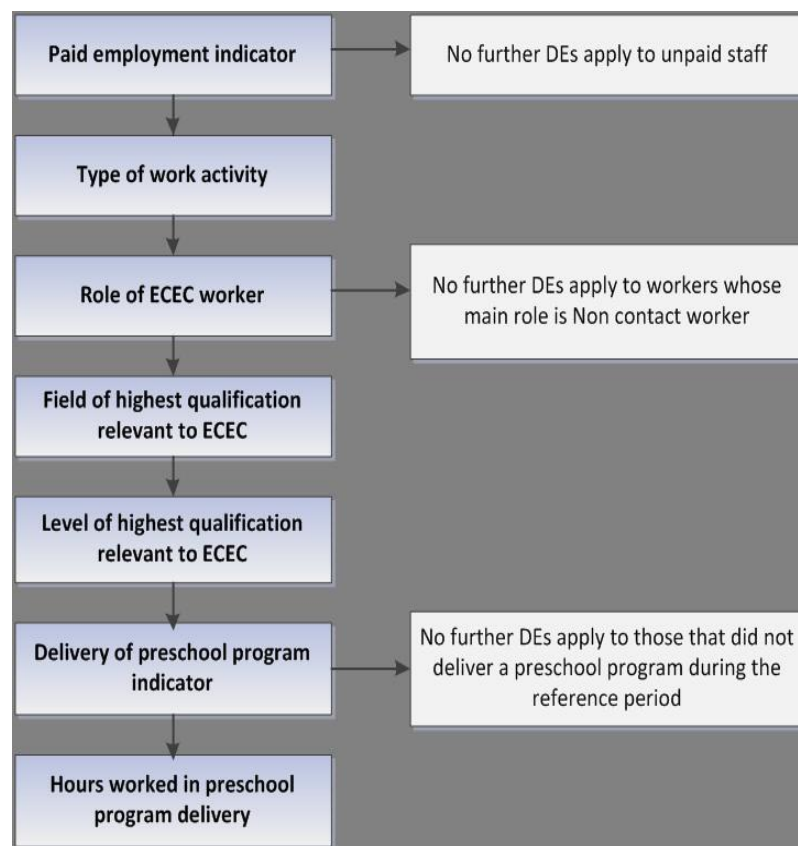
DSS type: Data Element Cluster

Scope: These data items are used in conjunction with each other to describe the workers employed in early childhood education and care services.

The following diagram shows the sequencing of the data items for workers for data collection purposes, it is not outlining the sequencing for derivation purposes. The sequencing of the data items will capture information for:

- the main type of work activity and main role for paid workers during the reference period;
- the field and level of highest qualification relevant to ECEC for paid contact workers during the reference period; and
- the number of hours worked in the delivery of a preschool program for paid contact workers who delivered a preschool program during the reference period.

Early childhood education and care teacher diagram



Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG)

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Early childhood education and care worker cluster
Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

Has been superseded by [Early childhood education and care worker cluster
Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

**Implementation in Data Set
Specifications:**

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2012
Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2012
Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person (employed)—paid employment indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
	<p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>'Yes' includes early childhood education and care workers who receive wages or salary. They can include contract workers or relief workers.</p> <p>'No' includes workers who are not paid, but who may be receiving in-kind benefits in recognition or exchange for their work. Unpaid staff may include volunteers, unpaid work trainees, parents and family members and students on work experience.</p> <p>In-kind benefits such as free child care or the reimbursement of work-related expenses in full or part (for example, token payments or small gifts such as t-shirts) are not regarded as payment of salary, and people who receive these are considered to be unpaid workers.</p>		
2	Person (employed)—type of work activity, early childhood education and care, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on responding '1 Yes' to whether the person is in paid employment.</p>		
3	Person (employed)—role of early childhood education and care worker, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on responding '1 Yes' to whether the person is in paid employment.</p>		
4	Person (employed)—education field of highest relevant qualification, in early childhood education and care, code N[N]	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on being a paid early childhood education and care contact worker.</p>		
5	Person (employed)—level of highest qualification in early childhood education and care, code N[N]	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on being a paid early childhood education and care contact worker.</p>		
6	Person (employed)—preschool program delivery indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on being a paid early childhood education and care contact worker.</p>		
7	Person (employed)—hours worked in preschool program delivery, total hours NNN	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on being a paid early childhood education and care contact worker who delivered a preschool program.</p>		

