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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Field of education |
| METEOR identifier: | 270172 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | The main field of education undertaken by a person in relation to current study or completed education, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—field of education](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269638) |
| Value Domain: | [Field of education code (ASCED 2001) NN[{NN}{NN}]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270749) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Standard Classification of Education 2001](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270551) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | NN[{NN}{NN}] | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 99(9999) | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Code 99(9999), Not stated/inadequately described, is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the metadata item has not been collected. |
| Collection methods: | A standard question module for self-enumerated collections is not available for this metadata item.  Accurate data is best achieved using computer-assisted coding of both the field of education and the level of highest educational attainment at the same time.  Computer-assisted coding will return a nine-digit code comprising both the field of education and level of highest educational attainment codes. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This is a three-level hierarchical classification specifying broad, narrow and detailed fields of study. For example, social work is coded to the broad field 09 'Society and Culture', the narrow field 0905 'Human Welfare Studies and Services' and the detailed field 090501 'Social Work'. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | [Australian Standards Classification of Education (ASCED 2001). Australian Bureau of Statistics Cat. no 1272.0](http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/f501c031bd9ac9c5ca256aaf001fca33!OpenDocument) (last viewed 21 Dec 2005) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Is re-engineered from  [Field of education, version 2, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273929)  (15.6 KB)  *No registration status* |