Field of education

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000570 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NCSIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: The main field of education undertaken by a person in relation to

current study or completed education.

Context: This item provides an indication of diversity in aspects of

educational attainment.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation NN(NNNN)

layout:

Minimum Size: 2 Maximum Size: 6

Data Domain: NOVAL Valid codes from the Australian Standard

Classification of Education (ASCED). Australian

Bureau of Statistics Cat. no. 1272.0.

Reference through:

http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/StatsL

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Select ABS classifications

99(9999) Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: The data domain includes codes specified in the Field of

Education classification of the Australian Standard Classification of Education. 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'.

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 item has not been collected.

Collection Methods: A standard question module for self-enumerated collections is not

available for this item.

For community services data collection it is recommended that

collection methods permit coding to the 4-digit level.

Accurate data is best achieved using computer-assisted coding of

both 'Field of education' and 'Level of highest educational

attainment' at the same time. Computer-assisted coding will return a nine-digit code comprising both 'Field of Education' and 'Level of

highest educational attainment' codes.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Education field version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: 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.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Educational characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element