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# Education field

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000570                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NCSIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-SEP-03  
Definition: The area(s) of higher education or vocational training in which a person has a demonstrated expertise/ knowledge.  
Context: This item provides a useful indicator of aspects of educational diversity.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: NN  
Minimum Size: 2  
Maximum Size: 2  
Data Domain: 01                      Natural and physical sciences  
                  02                      Information technology  
                  03                      Engineering and related technologies  
                  04                      Architecture and building  
                  05                      Agriculture, Environmental and related studies  
                  06                      Health  
                  07                      Education  
                  08                      Management and commerce  
                  09                      Society and culture  
                  10                      Creative arts  
                  11                      Food, hospitality and personal services  
                  12                      Mixed field programs  
                  13                      Other field of education  
                  99                      Not stated/ inadequately described

Guide For Use: The data domain categories shown above relate to broad fields specified in the Australian Standard Classification of Education,

Field of Education. This is a hierarchical classification, which specifies narrow and detailed fields for each of the broad fields. 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' (see Source document for more details).

Collection Methods: Higher education includes post-primary education and excludes pre-tertiary education.  
Given the inherent complexities in collecting this data item, for community service data collection it is advised to code to the 2 or 4 digit level only.  
This trial data element is based on a recently issued ABS standard. Its application to community services data collection activity is subject to further development and testing. This will include;

- a review of the ways in which this information is collected in existing administrative data collections,
- and an appraisal of its operational feasibility, and
- further consultation with ABS.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Education level version 1 has been superseded by Field of education version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED): Information Paper - April 2000

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NCSIM Educational characteristic

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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