
Occupation

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000582 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-SEP-03
Definition: The current job or duties in which a person is principally engaged.
Context: This data element may be useful in gaining an understanding of a clients situation and needs. For example, the occupation of a person with a disability may be directly relevant to the type of aids that they require.
It could also be used to collect information about employees of community service agencies.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NN(NNNN)
Minimum Size: 2
Maximum Size: 6
Data Domain: NOVAL Refer to Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second edition (ABS 1997, Catalogue No. 1220.0 2 digit code level (sub major group)
Guide For Use: This can be used to code the occupation of client or the person providing the service. The 2 digit code level (sub major group) is recommended for most collections although occupation may be classified up to the 6 digit level, see comments and source document for details.
Collection Methods: This data element should only be collected from people whose Labour force status is employed.
Occupation is too complex and diverse an issue to fit neatly into any useable small group of categories. Therefore the ABS recommend that this data element be collected by using the

following 2 open-ended questions.

What was your occupation in the last week?

What tasks did you perform in that occupation?

The information gained from these 2 questions can then be used to select an appropriate code from the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Employment status (full-time / part-time) version 1

relates to the data element Labour force status version 2

relates to the data element Employment status version 1

has been superseded by Int. NCSDD & NHDD Main occupation of person version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997, Catalogue No. 1220.0

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: The structure of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations has five levels:

9 Major groups 1-digit codes

35 Sub-major groups 2-digit codes

81 Minor groups 3-digit codes

340 Unit groups 4-digit codes

986 Occupations 5-digit codes

For example:

Level	Code	Title
Major group	2	Professionals
Sub-major group	23	Education Professionals
Minor group	231	School Teachers
Unit group	2311	Special Education Teachers
Occupation	2311-11	Teacher of the Hearing Impaired

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Labour characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
