

Education level of highest additional qualification, Code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	375497
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 02/07/2009
Definition:	The code set representing the level of highest qualification in the profession, in addition to the first qualification that enabled registration within the given health profession.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Postgraduate degree level
	2	Graduate diploma and graduate certificate level
	3	Bachelor degree level
	4	Advanced diploma and diploma level
	5	Certificate level
Supplementary values:	8	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

These data may be collected for each profession in which the health professional is registered.

The values reflect the broad level of attainment categories 1-5 as described in the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) Cat No 1272.0.

Code 1 Postgraduate degree level provides for in-depth study in a particular field, and builds on the knowledge and skills gained from previous study. There is usually emphasis on original research. This level includes Doctorates and Master Degrees, either by research or coursework.

Code 2 Graduate diploma and Graduate certificate level provides graduate specialisation within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge, and develops or broadens vocational knowledge, skills and practical experience in a new or existing field of professional study.

Code 3 Bachelor degree level provides a systematic and coherent broad body of knowledge, the underlying principles and concepts and the associated communication and problem-solving skills. This level develops the academic skills necessary to comprehend and evaluate new information, concepts and evidence from a range of sources.

Code 4 Advanced diploma and Diploma level provides a knowledge and skills base, incorporating theoretical concepts, with substantial depth in some areas.

Code 5 Certificate level provides a knowledge and skills base ranging from an understanding of basic concepts and the ability to perform a defined range of routine and predictable activities, to a breadth, depth and complexity of knowledge incorporating some theoretical concepts and the ability to apply knowledge and skills to a variety of contexts most of which are complex and non-routine.

Code 8 Not applicable. The health professional has not completed any additional qualifications in the registered profession.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Health Workforce Principal Committee

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), Cat No 1272.0

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

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