

Highest level of qualification (early childhood education and care), code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	396921
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Definition:	A code set representing the level of qualification for early childhood education and care workers.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: [Australian Standard Classification of Education 2001](#)

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N[N]

Maximum character length: 2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Postgraduate degree
	2	Graduate diploma or graduate certificate level
	3	Bachelor degree (honours)
	4	Bachelor degree pass (4 years or equivalent)
	5	Bachelor degree pass (3 years or equivalent)
	6	Advanced diploma
	7	Diploma
	8	Certificate level 3 or 4
	9	Certificate level 1 or 2
	10	Other certificate
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable (no qualification in early education and care related field)
	98	Unknown (qualification unknown)
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: **Permissible values**

CODE 1 Postgraduate degree

This level includes Doctorates and Masters Degrees, either by research or coursework. Common entry requirements are completion of a Bachelor Degree (with or without Honours) and a qualifying year or equivalent, or a research based Graduate Diploma.

CODE 2 Graduate diploma and graduate certificate level

The Graduate Diploma is usually the equivalent of one year of full time study, while the Graduate Certificate is usually the equivalent of six months full time study. Entry to a Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate is usually through satisfactory

completion of a Bachelor Degree or an Advanced Diploma, and demonstrated potential to complete work at this level. Postgraduate certificates and diplomas are also included in this category.

CODE 3 Bachelor degree (honours)

Honours is the extended period of study in a specialised field which is offered to students in some courses achieving outstanding results in a relevant discipline or demonstrating outstanding achievement in the early years of a Bachelor program.

CODE 4 Bachelor degree pass (4 years or equivalent)

Entry to this level is by various pathways which may include the completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or completion of a recognised program and/or recognition of prior learning.

CODE 5 Bachelor degree pass (3 years or equivalent)

Entry to this level is by various pathways which may include the completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or completion of a recognised program and/or recognition of prior learning.

CODE 6 Advanced diploma

Education at this level includes analysing information and concepts at an abstract level and executing judgements across a range of technical and management functions. Entry to this level is by various pathways which may include the completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or completion of a recognised program and/or recognition of prior learning.

CODE 7 Diploma

Education at this level may also develop basic management or administrative skills. Entry to this level is by various pathways which may include the completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or completion of a recognised program and/or recognition of prior learning.

CODE 8 Certificate level 3 or 4

Entry to this level is by various pathways which may include the completion of Year 10 or equivalent, or higher, or completion of a recognised program and/or recognition of prior learning.

CODE 9 Certificate level 1 or 2

Entry to this level is by various pathways which may include the completion of Year 10 or equivalent, or higher, or completion of a recognised program and/or recognition of prior learning.

CODE 10 Other certificate

Any certificate not covered by the previous two categories.

Supplementary values

CODE 97 Not applicable

Use this code when there is no qualification

CODE 98 Unknown

Use this code when the qualification is unknown

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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[Early Childhood](#), Standard 07/06/2011

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

[Person \(employed\)—level of highest qualification in employment field, early
childhood education and care, code N\[N\]](#)
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