

Person—highest year of school completed, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Highest year of school completed
Synonymous names:	Highest level of school completed
METEOR identifier:	631891
Registration status:	Health , Standard 28/04/2016
Definition:	The highest level of schooling that a person has completed, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—highest year of school completed
Value Domain:	Highest year of school completed code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Year 12
	2	Year 11
	3	Year 10
	4	Year 9
	5	Year 8 or below
	6	No schooling
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.</p> <p>Highest level of schooling includes study at a secondary education level which might, for example, be undertaken at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institution (ABS, 2002).</p> <p>Record the code for the highest year of schooling completed, regardless of the institution or location where that study took place. If a year of schooling had been commenced but not completed, the code for the year below should be used.</p> <p>Only one option may be selected.</p>
Comments:	This metadata item maps to the Australian Bureau of Statistics standard 'Highest year of school completed'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2002. Education variables. ABS cat. no. 1246.0.
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—highest year of school completed, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison dischargee NBEDS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees whose highest year of completed schooling was below Year 10.

[Prison entrants NBEDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

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[Prison entrants NBEDS 2018](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Entrants Form:

10. What is the highest year of school you have completed?

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[Prison entrants NBEDS 2022](#)
[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

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This data element corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Entrants Form:

10a. What is the highest level of primary or secondary school that you have completed?