

Person—commencing student indicator, yes/no code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Commencing student indicator
METEOR identifier:	758221
Registration status:	Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022
Definition:	An indicator of whether a person is starting a course of study, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—commencing student indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Yes

Refers to an individual/person that is commencing a course of study.

CODE 2 No

Refers to an individual/person that is not commencing a course of study.

A student is classified as a commencing student in relation to a particular course of study. A student is a commencing student for a year if she/he started studying in a course of study for the first time at the higher education provider or an antecedent higher education provider in that year. An antecedent higher education provider means a higher education provider which has merged with the higher education provider at which the student's enrolment continues.

Students of the following types are not to be classified as commencing students:

- students who are starting a specialised program of studies after completing, at the institution or an antecedent institution, a common initial year or years of a general program;
- students who, having completed an initial year of study at the institution or an antecedent institution then exercise a standard option of continuing their studies but at a lower level (i.e., their studies would then lead to an award at a level lower than that which pertains to the program of studies undertaken in the first year);
- students who move from course to course within a course of study;
- students who transfer to a bachelor's honours course of study having previously been enrolled, at the higher education provider or an antecedent higher education provider, in the related bachelor's pass course of study;
- students who transfer to a master's honours course of study having previously been enrolled, at the higher education provider or an antecedent higher education provider, in the related master's pass course;
- students who are enrolled in a course of study at the higher education provider or an antecedent higher education provider which is upgraded in level or renamed;
- students who are resuming the same course at the higher education provider or an antecedent higher education provider after an absence;
- students continuing from the first component of a combined course to the second or later components;
- students resuming a combined course which normally leads to a single award after having been conceded an award for another course of study;
- students who have completed part of the requirements of a combined course of study at the institution and then change their enrolment to one of the components of that combined course of study;
- students who have completed part of the requirements of a unitary course of study at the institution and then change their enrolment to a related combined course of study which leads to an award or awards that subsume the award applicable to the unitary course of study; or
- students who transfer within the higher education provider from one course strain to another course strain, where the course leads to the same award. (e.g., a student who changes from a BSc (Chemistry) to a BSc (Physics)).

Collection methods:

This element is not used in files provided to the Dept. of Education by universities; it is a "derived" element using [Course of study commencement date](#).

Source and reference attributes**Submitting organisation:**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin:

Australian Government 2021. Tertiary Collection of Student Information: Commencing Student Indicator, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022. www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/922

Relational attributes**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Initial Teacher Education \(ITE\) data cluster](#)
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022

