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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/23), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758219) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270732) |

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| 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  |

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| 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   YesRefers to an individual/person that is commencing a course of study.CODE 2   NoRefers 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)).

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| 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](https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/534). |
| 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](https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/922) |
| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Initial Teacher Education (ITE) data cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758462)       [Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/23), Standard 30/08/2022 |