Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
Level of qualification - 10 way split	**XQLEV1003**	**2**	**Char**	**1.2.3**

VALID ENTRIES

01	Doctorate
02	Other higher degree
03	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
04	Other postgraduate
05	First degree
06	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education
07	Foundation degree
08	HND/DipHE
09	Other undergraduate
10	Further education
__	No qualification

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE at level M) and Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE at level H) are separated into two entries in this field.

Other postgraduate includes postgraduate diplomas, certificates and professional qualifications, institutional postgraduate credits and no formal postgraduate qualifications.

First degree includes first degrees (including eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body), first degrees with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/registration with a General Teaching Council (GTC), enhanced first degrees (including those leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body) first degrees obtained concurrently with a diploma and intercalated first degrees.

Foundation degrees (e.g. FdA, FdSc) were introduced to provide vocational higher education (HE) qualifications at level I.

Other undergraduate includes qualifications equivalent to and below first degree level, including, but not limited to, diplomas in HE (including those with eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care regulatory body), Higher National Certificate (HNC), Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE), Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE), foundation courses at HE level, National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ)/Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ) levels 4 and 5, post-degree diplomas and certificates at undergraduate level, professional qualifications at undergraduate level, other undergraduate diplomas and certificates including post-registration health and social care courses and courses in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector, other formal HE qualifications of less than degree standard, institutional undergraduate credit and no formal undergraduate qualifications. (Not included: Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE at level H) (shown separately), and not foundation degrees (shown separately)).

Further education includes diplomas, certificates and National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ)/Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ) at level 3 and below, A/AS levels, Advanced Highers/Highers (Scotland), GCSEs, Intermediates (Scotland), HE Access courses, Welsh for Adults and other qualifications below HE level.

Where an instance had no QualificationsAwarded entity associated with it, this field will be a double underscore.

DEPENDENT FIELDS

none

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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