Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
Highest qualification obtained	**XQOBTN01**	**3**	**Char**	**6.2.3**

VALID ENTRIES

D00	Doctorate degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
D01	New Route PhD that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
D90	Advanced supervised research at level D for institutional credit
E00	Doctorate degree that does not meet the criteria for a research-based higher degree
E40	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) at level E
E43	Highly specialist diploma from a professional body
E90	Advanced taught study at level E for institutional credit
L00	Masters degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
L80	Other postgraduate qualification at level L that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
L90	Advanced supervised research at level L for institutional credit
L91	Visiting research students at levels D or L, with formal or informal credit
M00	Masters degree obtained typically by a combination of coursework and thesis/dissertation, that does not meet the criteria for a research-based higher degree
M01	Taught masters degree designed specifically as a training in research methods and intended as a preparation for advanced supervised research
M02	Masters in Teaching and Learning
M10	Post-experience taught masters degree
M11	Master of Business Administration (MBA)
M16	Pre-registration masters degree leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
M22	Integrated undergraduate/postgraduate taught masters degree on the enhanced/extended pattern
M26	Integrated undergraduate/postgraduate taught masters degree on the enhanced/extended pattern leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
M40	Fellowship at level M
M41	Diploma at level M
M42	Advanced professional certificate at level M
M43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) at level M
M45	Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) 5
M50	Postgraduate bachelors degree at level M obtained typically by a combination of coursework and thesis/dissertation, that does not meet the criteria for a research-based higher degree
M70	Professional taught qualification at level M other than a masters degree
M71	Postgraduate Certificate in Education or Professional Graduate Diploma in Education
M72	Post-registration education qualification at level M other than a masters degree for serving school teachers
M76	Post-registration health & social care qualification at level M
M78	Taught qualification at level M (where qualification at level H and/or level M is a pre-requisite for course entry) leading towards registration with the Architects Registration Board (Part 3 qualification)
M79	Level 7 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
M80	Other taught qualification at level M

M86	Taught qualification at level M leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
M88	Taught qualification at level M (where a qualification at level H is a pre-requisite for course entry) leading towards registration with the Architects Registration Board (Part 2 qualification)
M90	Taught work at level M for institutional credit
M91	Visiting taught students at levels E or M, with formal or informal credit
H00	First degree with honours
H11	First degree with honours leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/registration with a General Teaching Council (GTC)
H16	Pre-registration first degree with honours leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
H18	First degree with honours leading towards registration with the Architects Registration Board (Part 1 qualification)
H22	First degree with honours on the enhanced/extended pattern but at level H
H23	First degree with honours and diploma
H24	First degree with honours on the intercalated pattern
H41	Diploma at level H
H42	Certificate at level H
H43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) at level H
H50	Postgraduate bachelors degree at level H
H60	Graduate diploma/certificate at level H
H61	Graduate diploma/certificate at level H but where a previous qualification at level H is a pre-requisite for course entry
H70	Professional qualification at level H other than a first degree with honours
H71	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education
H72	Professional qualification at level H for serving school teachers other than a first degree with honours
H76	Post-registration health & social care qualification at level H other than a first degree with honours
H78	Other qualification at level H (where other qualifications at level H are a pre-requisite for course entry) leading towards registration with the Architects Registration Board (Part 3 qualification)
H79	Level 6 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
H80	Other qualification at level H
H81	Other qualification at level H but where a previous qualification at level H is a pre-requisite for course entry
H88	Qualification at level H (where another qualification at level H is a pre-requisite for course entry) leading towards registration with the Architects Registration Board (Part 2 qualification)
H90	Credits at level H
H91	Visiting students at level H, with formal or informal credit
I00	Ordinary (non-honours) first degree
I11	Ordinary (non-honours) first degree leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/registration with a General Teaching Council (GTC)
I16	Pre-registration ordinary (non-honours) first degree leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
I60	Graduate diploma/certificate at level I
I61	Graduate diploma/certificate at level I but where a previous qualification at level I or H is a pre-requisite for course entry
I70	Professional qualification at level I other than an ordinary (non-honours) first degree

I71	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/registration with a General Teaching Council (GTC) only
I72	Professional qualification at level I for serving school teachers
I74	Teaching certificate (trained through the medium of Welsh)
I76	Post-registration health & social care qualification at level I other than an ordinary (non-honours) first degree
I79	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
I80	Other qualification at level I
I81	Other qualification at level I but where a previous qualification at level I or H is a pre-requisite for course entry
I90	Credits at level I
I91	Visiting students at level I, with formal or informal credit
J10	Foundation degree
J16	Foundation degree which on completion meets the entry requirement for pre-registration on a health & social care qualification
J20	Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
J26	Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
J30	Higher National Diploma (HND)
J41	Diploma at level J
J42	Certificate at level J
J43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) at level J
J45	Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) 4
J76	Post-registration health & social care qualification at level J
J80	Other qualification at level J
J90	Credits at level J
C20	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
C30	Higher National Certificate (HNC)
C41	Diploma at level C
C42	Certificate at level C
C43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) at level C
C77	Level 4 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector
C78	Level 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
C80	Other qualification at level C
C90	Credits at level C
P41	Diploma at level P
P42	Certificate at level P
P43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) 3
P45	Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) 3
P50	A/AS level
P55	Advanced Higher (Scotland)
P56	Higher (Scotland)
P70	Professional qualification at level 3
P77	Level 3 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector

P78	Level 3 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
P80	Other qualification at level 3
P85	Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art & Design) at level 3
P90	Credits at level 3
Q41	Diploma at level Q
Q42	Certificate at level Q
Q43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) 2
Q45	Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) 2
Q50	GCSE at grade A*-C
Q56	Intermediate 2 (Scotland)
Q57	Standard Grade Credit (Scotland)
Q70	Professional qualification at level 2
Q80	Other qualification at level 2
Q90	Credits at level 2
R42	Certificate at level R
R43	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) 1
R45	Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) 1
R50	GCSE at grade D-G
R56	Intermediate 1 (Scotland)
R57	Standard Grade General (Scotland)
R70	Professional qualification at level 1
R80	Other qualification at level 1
R90	Credits at level 1
S42	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Entry level certificate
S57	Standard Grade Foundation (Scotland)
S80	Other qualification at further education (FE) access level
S90	Credits at further education (FE) access level
X00	Higher education (HE) access course, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) recognised
X01	Higher education (HE) access course, not Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) recognised
X41	Welsh for Adults Entry level
X42	Welsh for Adults level 1
X43	Welsh for Adults level 2
X44	Welsh for Adults level 3
X45	Welsh for Adults level 4
X46	Welsh for Adults specialist/arbennig
___	No qualification

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The valid entries for this field are defined by the list of codes in QualificationsAwarded.QUAL, and this field contains all codes valid for that field together with three underscores for instances with no qualification.

Where an instance has more than one occurrence of a QualificationsAwarded entity associated with it, this field selects the highest qualification for that instance. The selection of highest qualification is based on the following grouping, which is ordered with highest qualifications at the top of the list:

Doctorate
Other higher degree
Postgraduate Certificate in Education *
Other postgraduate qualifications
First degree
First degree equivalent
Foundation degree
HND/DipHE
Other sub-degree
Further education
(* Note: Professional Graduate Certificate in Education H71 is not included).

DEPENDENT FIELDS

XQLEV301

XQLEV501

XQLEV601

XQLEV901

XCLASS01

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

An instance may have none, one or two occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity associated with it.

One occurrence of the QualificationsAwarded entity
Where an instance has one occurrence of the QualificationsAwarded entity and the QualificationsAwarded.QUAL is listed in the ranking table below, the QualificationsAwarded.QUAL is returned.

Where an instance has one occurrence of the QualificationsAwarded entity and the QualificationsAwarded.QUAL not listed in the ranking table, a null value is returned.

Two occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity
Where an instance has two occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity and both QualificationsAwarded.QUALs are listed in the ranking table and are not identical, a ranking number is assigned to both occurrences of QualificationsAwarded.QUAL for that instance. The QualificationsAwarded.QUAL with the ranking number nearest zero is returned for that instance.

Where an instance has two occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity and both QualificationsAwarded.QUALs are listed in the ranking table and are identical, the qualification with the lowest Cyy051_QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED.QUALAWARDKEY is returned.

Where an instance has two occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity and one QualificationsAwarded.QUAL is listed in the ranking table, but the other is not, only the listed QualificationsAwarded.QUAL is returned (i.e. treated as per the ranking number nearest zero).

Where an instance has two occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity and neither of the QualificationsAwarded.QUALs are listed in the ranking table, a null value is returned.

No occurrence of the QualificationsAwarded entity
Where an instance has no QualificationsAwarded entity associated with it, three underscores are returned.

QualficationsAwarded.QUAL	Ranking number	Grouping
D00	001	Doctorate
D01	002	Doctorate
D90	014	Other PG qualification
E00	003	Doctorate
E40	015	Other PG qualification
E43	004	Other higher degree
E90	016	Other PG qualification
L00	005	Other higher degree
L80	017	Other PG qualification
L90	018	Other PG qualification
L91	019	Other PG qualification
M00	006	Other higher degree
M01	007	Other higher degree
M02	008	Other higher degree
M10	009	Other higher degree
M11	010	Other higher degree
M16	011	Other higher degree
M22	035	First degree
M26	036	First degree
M40	020	Other PG qualification
M41	021	Other PG qualification
M42	022	Other PG qualification
M43	023	Other PG qualification
M45	024	Other PG qualification
M50	012	Other higher degree
M70	025	Other PG qualification
M71	013	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
M72	026	Other PG qualification
M76	027	Other PG qualification
M78	028	Other PG qualification
M79	029	Other PG qualification
M80	030	Other PG qualification
M86	031	Other PG qualification
M88	032	Other PG qualification
M90	033	Other PG qualification
M91	034	Other PG qualification
H00	037	First degree
H11	038	First degree

QualficationsAwarded.QUAL	Ranking number	Grouping
H16	039	First degree
H18	040	First degree
H22	041	First degree
H23	042	First degree
H24	043	First degree
H41	048	First degree equivalent
H42	049	First degree equivalent
H43	050	First degree equivalent
H50	044	First degree
H60	051	First degree equivalent
H61	052	First degree equivalent
H70	053	First degree equivalent
H71	054	First degree equivalent
H72	055	First degree equivalent
H76	056	First degree equivalent
H78	057	First degree equivalent
H79	058	First degree equivalent
H80	059	First degree equivalent
H81	060	First degree equivalent
H88	061	First degree equivalent
H90	062	First degree equivalent
H91	063	First degree equivalent
I00	045	First degree
I11	046	First degree
I16	047	First degree
I60	064	First degree equivalent
I61	065	First degree equivalent
I70	066	First degree equivalent
I71	067	First degree equivalent
I72	068	First degree equivalent
I74	069	First degree equivalent
I76	070	First degree equivalent
I79	071	First degree equivalent
I80	072	First degree equivalent
I81	073	First degree equivalent
I90	074	First degree equivalent
I91	075	First degree equivalent
J10	076	Foundation degrees

QualficationsAwarded.QUAL	Ranking number	Grouping
J16	077	Foundation degrees
J20	078	HND/DipHE
J26	079	HND/DipHE
J30	080	HND/DipHE
J41	081	Other sub-degree
J42	082	Other sub-degree
J43	083	Other sub-degree
J45	084	Other sub-degree
J76	085	Other sub-degree
J80	086	Other sub-degree
J90	087	Other sub-degree
C20	088	Other sub-degree
C30	089	Other sub-degree
C41	090	Other sub-degree
C42	091	Other sub-degree
C43	092	Other sub-degree
C77	093	Other sub-degree
C78	094	Other sub-degree
C80	095	Other sub-degree
C90	096	Other sub-degree
P41	097	Further education
P42	098	Further education
P43	099	Further education
P45	100	Further education
P50	101	Further education
P55	102	Further education
P56	103	Further education
P70	104	Further education
P77	105	Further education
P78	106	Further education
P80	107	Further education
P85	108	Further education
P90	109	Further education
Q41	110	Further education
Q42	111	Further education
Q43	112	Further education
Q45	113	Further education
Q50	114	Further education

QualficationsAwarded.QUAL	Ranking number	Grouping
Q56	115	Further education
Q57	116	Further education
Q70	117	Further education
Q80	118	Further education
Q90	119	Further education
R42	120	Further education
R43	121	Further education
R45	122	Further education
R50	123	Further education
R56	124	Further education
R57	125	Further education
R70	126	Further education
R80	127	Further education
R90	128	Further education
S42	129	Further education
S57	130	Further education
S80	131	Further education
S90	132	Further education
X00	133	Further education
X01	134	Further education
X41	135	Further education
X42	136	Further education
X43	137	Further education
X44	138	Further education
X45	139	Further education
X46	140	Further education

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