Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
Highest qualification on entry	**XQUALENT01**	**1**	**Char**	**1.2.1**

VALID ENTRIES

A	Postgraduate (excluding PGCE)
B	PGCE
C	First degree
D	Other undergraduate qualification
E	Other qualification
F	Level 3 qualification (including A levels and Highers)
G	Qualifications at Level 2 and below
H	No formal qualification
I	Not known
J	Not applicable

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This field derives the two fields (and two coding frames) collecting information on qualifications on entry in the Student record, EntryProfile.QUALENT2 and EntryProfile.QUALENT3.

EntryProfile.QUALENT2 is the coding frame available for instances that start before 2010-08-01, and EntryProfile.QUALENT3 is required for instances that start on or after 2010-08-01, and may be used for instances that start before 2010-08-01.

Where entry profile information is required for an instance, **either** EntryProfile.QUALENT2 **or** EntryProfile.QUALENT3 will be returned during the collection. Where EntryProfile.QUALENT2 is returned **non-switchable** validation will ensure EntryProfile.QUALENT3 is null. Where EntryProfile.QUALENT3 is returned **non-switchable** validation will ensure EntryProfile.QUALENT2 is null.

Entry profile.QUALENT2 and QUALENT3 are not compulsory, and both may be returned as null.

Access to HE courses are included with Level 3 qualifications. The Access to HE qualification is equivalent in standard to other Level 3 qualifications, such as A levels, and has been recognized as a full Level 3 qualification in the Labour Force Survey. However, it stands outside the National Qualifications Framework, because it is regulated by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (rather than the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) and awarded by local (rather than national) awarding bodies.

From 2007/08, EntryProfile.QUALENT2 code 48 is not valid for new entrants, but is valid for historical instances on the HINEP_REGISTER, and so is included in this specification.

The 'Other qualification' category includes professional qualifications, which are collected as a specific category in Instance.QUALENT2.

DEPENDENT FIELDS

none

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

EntryProfile.QUALENT2		EntryProfile.QUALENT3	XQUALENT01
01, 02, 05	or	DUK, DZZ, D80, MUK, M41, M44, M80, M90, MZZ	A
03, 04	or	H71, M71	B
10, 11	or	M2X, HUK, HZZ, H11, JUK	C
12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31	or	H80, J10, J20, J30, J48, J49, J80, C20, C30, C44, C80, C90	D
21, 22, 28, 94, 97	or	X04	E
37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 72	or	P41, P42, P46, P47, P50, P51, P53, P62, P63, P64, P65, P68, P80, P91, P92, X00, X01	F
55, 56, 57	or	Q51, Q52, Q80, R51, R52, R80	G
92, 93, 98	or	X02, X05	H
99	or	X06	I
Null	and	Null	J

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Revision 1.2.1 2011-03-11 (Added EntryProfile.QUALENT2 value of 48 to accommodate historical instances in HIN register)