Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
Level of qualification - 5 way split	**XQLEV501**	**1**	**Char**	**1.7.3**

VALID ENTRIES

1	Postgraduate (research)
2	Postgraduate (taught)
3	First degree
4	Other undergraduate
5	Further education
_	No qualification awarded

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Postgraduate courses are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE at level M) and professional qualifications) which usually require a first degree as an entry qualification (i.e. already qualified at level H).

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.

Other undergraduate includes courses equivalent to and below first degree level, including, but not limited to, Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE at level H) (unless shown separately), foundation degrees (unless shown separately), diplomas in HE (including those with eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care regulatory body), Higher National Diploma (HND), Higher National Certificate (HNC), Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE), Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE), foundation courses at HE level, NVQ/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.

Further education courses include 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 single underscore.

DEPENDENT FIELDS

none

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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