Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
DLHE population	**XPDLHE02**	**1**	**Char**	**1.1.2**

VALID ENTRIES

Entries in both Student and DLHE record	
0	The instance is NOT counted within the DLHE Target population
1	The instance is counted within the DLHE Target population
Entry existing in Student collection only:	
2	The instance is not counted within the DLHE Target population but this instance refers to a further qualifying award
Entries existing in DLHE collection only:	
3	Link to Student Collection, but Instance.ENDDATE and DLHE Census value incompatible or cannot be linked to a record in the DLHE Target population
_	No link to student collection.

Standard definition:
The HESA Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) target population contains all students reported to HESA for the reporting period 1 August Y1 to 31 July Y2 as obtaining relevant qualifications and whose study was full-time or part-time (including sandwich students and those writing-up theses). Awards from dormant status are not included in the target population, except for Postgraduate Research qualifications. (Y1 indicates the first two characters of Institution.RECID, e.g. Y1 for 10051 is 2010.) Please note that from 2011/12, the DLHE target population was extended to include students, from the subset identified above, who were domiciled from outside the EU. Previously, only UK and EU-domiciled students were included in the target population.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This field is originally derived on the Cyy051 Student record. Within the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) data collection, provision needs to be made for incoming records for which there will be no link to the Cyy051 student collection and hence no information in the derived field. In these cases the appropriate entry in the DLHE version only of the derived field will be underscores to the width of the field, indicating no link to the Cyy051 collection.

From 2003-04, date of leaving (DATELEFT, now Instance.ENDDATE) has been included in the derivation of the DLHE population. To be included in the DLHE population from the reporting period, records must have a relevant qualification and a date of leaving within the reporting period. First stage validation has also been enhanced to reflect this change, in that students with an HE qualification should complete Instance.ENDDATE with a date equal to or before 31 July of the reporting period. Therefore, the code > 31-JUL-Y1+1 or blank has been included in the specification for clarification.

From 2005/06, code 2 has been assigned to identify those records where a student holds more than one qualifying award – only one record for a student will qualify for inclusion in POPDLHE but additional records which meet the criteria for inclusion in DLHE will be identified. This will allow linking of DLHE records back to all relevant student records.

From 2007/08, there was a change to analysing explicitly by instance, and allowing for any student to have one instance to be assigned XPDLHE01 of 1 in each census period (rather than one in each reporting period). The census periods are for students gaining a relevant award/qualification within August to December, and/or January to July, so that for the majority of students completing a programme in either autumn or summer are surveyed six months after completion. The list of QualificationsAwarded.QUAL codes has also been updated.

From 2011/12, the coverage of the record was changed, and the name of the field changed to XPDLHE02 to highlight this.

The Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education population now includes all leavers from all domiciles, and is no longer restricted to UK and European Union-domiciled leavers.

There are, however, a number of exceptions to this total-coverage population. The following are excluded:

(1) Students obtaining the following higher education qualifications:
• Intercalated degrees
• Awards for Visiting students (on the grounds that most will go back to another institution)
• Post-registration health and social care awards (on the assumption that these are likely to be currently-employed students)
• Professional qualifications for serving schoolteachers (on the assumption that these are likely to be currently-employed students)
• Awards of credit

(2) Students studying mainly overseas

(3) Incoming exchange students

(4) Deceased students

(5) Qualifications awarded from dormant status, except Postgraduate Research qualifications

DEPENDENT FIELDS

None

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION IN THE STUDENT COLLECTION:

Step 1: Initial exclusions (Table 1):

First, ineligible instances are removed (i.e. LOCSDY ‘S’, incoming exchange students, students with a null or ‘05’ RSNEND and dormant mode students (unless PGR students)). These are set as an XPDLHE02 value of '0'.

Table 1

Instance. LOCSDY	Instance. EXCHANGE	Instance. RSNEND	Instance. MODE	First character of XOBTND01	XPDLHE02
S					0
6, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, M, N, P, Q, R, X, null	2, 4, 8, 9, A				0
	0, 7, B, C, D, E, Y, Z, null	05 or null			0
		Otherwise	63,64	E, M, H, I, J, C, $, _	0
				D,L	Go to Table 2
			Otherwise		Go to Table 2

Step 2: Identifying qualifying instances and assigning a value of XPDLHE02 (Table 2):

Instances with an excluded QualificationsAwarded.QUAL, or a non-excluded QUAL that occurred outside the census periods (that is, Aug-Dec ‘April census’, and Jan-July ‘January census’), are set to a XPDLHE02 value of '0'.

(1) If there is only a single qualifying instance within a census period, this instance is assigned an XPDLHE02 value of ‘1’.

(2) For the Student.HUSIDs where there are multiple qualifying instances within a census period, identify the highest ranked of the qualifications associated with any of the instances. Ranking is done in accordance with the ordering in derived field XOBTND01, with the highest value considered to be the one first in the list. Where this highest ranked qualification is present in more than one instance, then assign the record with the lowest INSTANCEKEY to XPDLHE02 = ‘1’, and assign the remaining XPDLHE02 values for that census period to ‘2’.

(3) Where the highest ranked qualification is only present for one of the multiple instances within a census period, select that instance and assign XPDLHE02 = ‘1’. Assign remaining instances for that HUSID and census period to XPDLHE02 = ‘2’.

The listing in Table 2 below starts with the highest qualification appearing first and ends with the lowest (this listing is a subset of values in QualificationsAwarded.QUAL, with codes M22 and M26 appearing immediately before H codes).

Table 2

XOBTND01 (ordered by highest qualification first)	**Instance. ENDDATE**	**Number of matching instances**	**Associated QUAL(s) position in heirarchy**	**INSTANCE**	**XPDLHE02**
D00, D01, E00, **E43**, L00, M00, M01, M02, M10, M11, M16, M50, M71, **E40**, L80, **M40**, M41, **M42, M43**, **M45**, **M70**, **M78**, **M79**, M80, M86, M88, M22, M26, H00, H11, H16, H18, H22, H23, H50, I00, I11, I16, H41, H42, **H43**, H60, H61, **H70**, H71, **H78, H79**, H80, **H81**, H88, I60, I61, **I70, I71, I74, I79, I80, I81,** J10, J16, J20, J26, J30, **J41, J42, J43, J45, J80,** C20, C30, **C41, C42, C43, C77, C78, C80**	> 31-JUL-Y1 and <= 31-DEC-Y1	More than 1	One or more equally high	Lowest instancekey value	1
				Other instances	2
			Otherwise	Instance with highest ranked qualification	1
				Other instances	2
		1			1
	>= 01-JAN-Y2 and <= 31-JUL-Y2	More than 1	One or more equally high	Lowest instancekey value	1
				Other instances	2
			Otherwise	Instance with highest ranked qualification	1
				Other instances	2
		1			1
	< 01-AUG-Y1 or > 31-JUL-Y2 or blank				0
D90, E90, L90, L91, M72, M76, M90, M91, H24, H72, H76, H90, H91, I72, I76, I90, I91, J76, J90, C90, $$$, ___					0

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION IN DLHE COLLECTION:

The value of XPDLHE02 in the DLHE collection is based on the value in the linked record in the Student collection, where one exists. However, it contains additional values to account for DLHE records submitted which either have no direct link to the Student collection, or have a link to the student collection but there is incompatible information on survey dates.

Circumstances in which XPDLHE02 = '_' is created in the DLHE collection
Where a record exists in the DLHE collection, but there are no instances for that HUSID + INSTID in the student collection, the value for XPDLHE02 in the DLHE record is set to a single underscore, '_'. Underscores are created for the INSTANCEKEY field in DLHE in all cases where XPDLHE02 = '_'.

Circumstances in which XPDLHE02 = '0' is created in the DLHE collection
Where a DLHE record is submitted for either or both DLHE surveys, and all the records for that HUSID + INSTID in the Student collection have the value XPDLHE02 = '0', then the value of '0' is set to match in the DLHE record(s).

Where there is only one candidate instancekey in the Student collection, this is copied to DLHE.

Where there is more than one candidate instancekey in the Student collection, the lowest available instancekey for that HUSID + INSTID is copied to DLHE.

If two DLHE records are submitted, and there is only one instancekey in the Student collection with a value for XPDLHE02 of '0', then the first submitted DLHE record will take that instancekey and be set to XPDLHE02 of '0'. The second submitted DLHE record will be set to XPDLHE02 of '3' and underscores created for INSTANCEKEY.

Circumstances in which XPDLHE02 = '1' is created in the DLHE collection
Where a DLHE record is submitted and there is a matching INSTANCEKEY with XPDLHE02 = '1' for the correct Instance.ENDDATE (i.e. Student.APRJAN = '1' in DLHE for April census links to Instance.ENDDATE > 31-JUL-Y1 and <= 31-DEC-Y1, and Student.APRJAN = '2' in DLHE for January census links to Instance.ENDDATE <= 01-JAN-Y2 and <= 31-JUL-Y2), then the value of '1' is also set in the DLHE record. The single matching INSTANCEKEY value from Student is also copied to DLHE. If the ENDDATE and APRJAN values do not align, then the value of '3' is set in the DLHE record.

Circumstances in which XPDLHE02 = '3' is created in DLHE collection
Where a DLHE record is submitted which has not been matched above, then XPDLHE02 ='3'. Underscores are created for INSTANCEKEY in DLHE in all cases where XPDLHE02 = '3'.

HUSID+INSTID match in Student Record	**Student.XPDLHE02 value**	**Student.INSTANCE. Enddate range**	**DLHE Student.APRJAN**	**DLHE XPDLHE02 value**
HUSID+INSTID not found in Student				_
HUSID+INSTID found in Student	'0' for all instancekeys for the HUSID+INSTID			0
	'1' for any instancekey for the HUSID+INSTID	April range (i.e. > 31-JUL-Y1 and <= 31-DEC-Y1	1	1
			Otherwise	3
		January range (i.e. >= 01-JAN-Y2 and <= 31-JUL-Y2	2	1
			Otherwise	3
	Otherwise			3

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