

Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
Region of student domicile	XDOMGR01	4	Char	4.10.1

VALID ENTRIES

England region codes:

A	North East
B	North West
D	Yorkshire and The Humber
E	East Midlands
F	West Midlands
G	East of England
H	London
J	South East
K	South West

Other UK codes:

XK	UK region unknown
XF	England region unknown
XI	Wales
XH	Scotland
XG	Northern Ireland
Z	Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man

Non-UK codes:

GREU	Geographic region - Other European Union
GRAF	Geographic region - Africa
GRAS	Geographic region - Asia
GRAU	Geographic region - Australasia
GRME	Geographic region - Middle East
GRNA	Geographic region - North America
GROE	Geographic region - Other Europe
GROO	Geographic region - Non-European Union unknown
GRSA	Geographic region - South America

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The single character England region codes are as described in Region (Office for National Statistics) in the ONS Postcode Directory (ONSPD). The remaining UK codes are mapped by HESA from pseudo ONS region codes. Where a postcode is provided and this matches on the ONSPD to a Region, then this region is output. Where a valid postcode is provided (valid postcodes include terminated postcodes), but it does not match the ONSPD, then UK region unknown is output (this would only occur as the result of a validation switch for a postcode introduced after the release of the ONSPD version in use by HESA).

Code XF is the National Statistics Country Classification (NSCC) code for England, but is used in this field as England region unknown, when data cannot be assigned to one of the nine England region codes.

Non-UK codes are derived from an overseas look-up table, provided by HESA Data Management, which includes all domicile codes except ZZ. Where no postcode is provided, and the country reported in domicile can be matched to region in the overseas lookup table then this region is output. Where the domicile is not known, then fee eligibility (Instance.FEEELIG) is used to assign to either UK region unknown or Non-European Union unknown.

From 2010/11 the August ONSPD update is used to ensure that all postcodes valid in a reporting period can be validated during submission.

(Note to Developers: From 2010/11 the static data postcode lookup tables provided by Data Management are updated with the August ONSPD (in addition to the November and May postcodes used for early systems and full systems, until the August data becomes available).

DEPENDENT FIELDS

XDOMHM01

XDOMREG01

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Please note: in the following specification, the table suffix '(Y2)AUG' refers to a year-specific reference derived from the reporting year. For 2013/14, Y1 is 13 and Y2 is 14, thus for 2013/14 the table suffix would be 14AUG, and for 2014/15 the suffix would be 15AUG, and so on.

The table FULLPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG consists of 6 columns: Full Postcode (F_FULLPC, VARCHAR2, 8); X coordinate (F_OSEAST1M, NUMBER); Y coordinate (F_OSNRTH1M, NUMBER); Region (F_GOR, CHAR, 2); Country (F_CTRY, VARCHAR2, 2) and County/Unitary Authority code (F_XDOMUC01, VARCHAR2, 4). This table has been supplied in an Oracle table provided by Data Management.

The table OUTPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG consists of 7 columns: Outward Postcode (F_OUTPC, VARCHAR2, 4); Full Postcode (F_FULLPC, VARCHAR2, 8); X coordinate (F_OSEAST1M, NUMBER); Y coordinate (F_OSNRTH1M, NUMBER); Region (F_GOR, CHAR, 2); Country (F_CTRY, VARCHAR2, 2) and County/Unitary Authority code (F_XDOMUC01, VARCHAR2, 4).

This table has been supplied in an Oracle table provided by Data Management.

The table T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V8 consists of 3 columns: Country of domicile (F_DOMICILE, VARCHAR2, 4); Region of domicile (F_REGION, VARCHAR2, 4) and ISO Country of domicile (F_DOMICILE_ISO, VARCHAR2, 2). This table has been supplied in an Oracle table provided by Data Management.

If a valid DOMICILE code has been supplied (in 2-char ISO format), but is not found in T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V8 (excluding ZZ), then the function will output NULL, which is to be identified during impossible values testing.

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Note to developers: Convert incoming POSTCODE data to uppercase in Software Development function, before carrying out lookup.

POSTCODE (CHAR 8)	DOMICILE (CHAR 2)	FEEELIG (CHAR 1)	XDOMGR01 (CHAR 4)
Blank	ZZ	1, 3 or null	XK
		2	GROO
	GG, JE, XL or IM		Z
	Null		XK
	Found in T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V8 .F_DOMICILE_ISO		T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V8 .F_REGION
	Not found in T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V8 .F_DOMICILE_ISO		Null
Found in FULLPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG .F_FULLPC and FULLPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG .F_GOR not blank (If F_GOR is blank match on OUTPC)			FULLPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG .F_GOR
Set of characters (max. of 4) up to first space, if there is one, found in OUTPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG .F_OUTPC and OUTPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG .F_GOR not blank (If F_GOR is blank then Otherwise)			OUTPC_LOOKUP_(Y2)AUG .F_GOR
Otherwise			XK

XDOMGR01 may output a null value. This is an error, highlighting that a value in the collection's DOMICILE field is not contained in the T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V8 lookup table's F_DOMICILE_ISO column. This is designed so the derived function does not fail. Nulls are to be identified at impossible values testing to flag the issue to HESA's Data Management team.

Revision 4.8.1 2012-02-09 (Technical specification: Instruction added to convert incoming postcode data to upper case before performing lookup. Updated for new version of lookup 12AUG, T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V5 replaced with T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V7. Dependent fields: Removal of XDOMCT01 dependency and added XDOMREG01. Additional information: text referring to National Statistics Postcode Directory (NSPD) to ONS Postcode Directory (ONSPD))

Revision 4.8.2 2012-04-12 (Field description changed to 'Region of student domicile' and reference to 'Government Office Region' changed to 'Region' following ONS policy change. No change to function or valid entries)

Revision 4.9.1 2013-01-09 (Updated for new version of lookup 13AUG. Additional row added to Technical specification: where the DOMICILE value is not found in F_DOMICILE_ISO column of T_OVERSEAS_LOOKUP_V7, return Null as TEMP, and therefore XDOMGR01, as an error - rather than allowing the function to fail)

Revision 4.10.1 2013-09-27 (Technical specification revised to remove the TEMP processing stage, which is no longer required with the complete move of the source data tables to ISO-3166-1 and the consequent removal of old-style HESA country codes in the postcode lookup tables for F_REGION; and W, X and Y region codes in F_GOR. Table suffixes changed to be non-year specific, with explanatory sentence added)