

Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
DLHE highest qualification obtained	XOBTND01	3	Char	7.3.1

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
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
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
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
M28	Integrated undergraduate/postgraduate taught masters degree on the enhanced/extended pattern leading towards registration with the Architects Registration Board (Part 1 and Part 2 qualification)
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
M44	Certificate 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
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)
H00	First degree with honours

H11	First degree with honours leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/registration with a General Teaching Council (GTC)
H12	First degree with honours leading to Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS)
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
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
H62	Pre-registration graduate diploma/certificate leading towards obtaining eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body
H70	Professional qualification at level H other than a first degree with honours
H71	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education
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)
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)
I12	Ordinary (non-honours) first degree leading to Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS)
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
I73	Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) only
I74	Teaching certificate (trained through the medium of Welsh)
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
J10	Foundation degree

J16	Foundation degree which on completion meets entry requirement for pre-registration health and 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
J80	Other qualification 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
\$\$\$	Qualification not required for the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey
___	No qualification awarded or no link to the Student or AP student record

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The QualificationsAwarded.QUAL coverage included in the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) record is defined in the Coverage document of the DLHE record. This field defines the highest qualification obtained within the context of those which are eligible for the DLHE collection.

The assessment of 'highest' is achieved through the use of a look-up table, provided by the HESA Data Management team, which includes all possible QualificationsAwarded.QUAL codes and their associated ranking value. The table, Static_data.T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP_DLHE, consists of two columns - the QualificationsAwarded.QUAL code (QUAL, VARCHAR2(3)) and a ranking value (RANK, NUMBER).

DEPENDENT FIELDS

XDLEV301

XDLEV501

XDLEV601

XPDLHE02

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

An instance may have none, one or many 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 T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP_DLHE ranking table, the QualificationsAwarded.QUAL is returned.

Where an instance has one occurrence of the QualificationsAwarded entity and the QualificationsAwarded.QUAL not listed in the T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP_DLHE ranking table, \$\$\$ is returned.

Many occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity

Where an instance has many occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity and **none** of the QualificationsAwarded.QUALs are listed in the T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP_DLHE ranking table, \$\$\$ is returned.

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

Where an instance has many occurrences of the QualificationsAwarded entity and **at least two** QualificationsAwarded.QUALs are listed in the T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP_DLHE ranking table, a ranking number is assigned to all listed occurrences of QualificationsAwarded.QUAL for that instance. The QualificationsAwarded.QUAL with the ranking number nearest zero is returned for that instance, unless two or more are ranked equally nearest zero (because they are identical). In this scenario the qualification of these with the lowest QualificationsAwarded. QUALIFICATIONSAWARDEDKEY is returned as XOBTND01.

No occurrence of the QualificationsAwarded entity

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

Revision 7.2.1 2016-02-08 (Valid entry '___' relabelled to 'No qualification awarded or no link to the Student or AP student record' to include a reference to the AP student collection, which was previously omitted. Technical Specification revised to delete the existing specification table, and insert references to a new centralised lookup table to be provided by Data Management - T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP.)

Revision 7.3.1 2016-10-11 (Technical Specification revised to reference to a different lookup table provided by Data Management - T_QUAL_RANK_LOOKUP_DLHE.)