

Field Description	Field Abbreviation	Field Length	Field Type	Field Version
Designation marker - instance level	XDESIG03	1	Char	1.3.1

## VALID ENTRIES

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| 1 | Instance period is associated with a course which during the reporting period holds current designation   |
| 2 | Instance period is associated with a course at a provider with provider level designation and at a location which holds current designation during the reporting period     |
| 3 | Instance period is associated with a course which during the reporting period holds 'teach out' designation   |
| 4 | Instance period is associated with a course at a provider with provider level designation and at a location which holds 'teach out' designation during the reporting period |
| 0 | Instance period is associated with a course that is not designated during the reporting period  |

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) jointly designate courses offered by higher education providers for the purposes of qualifying for student support.

Details of designated providers and their locations are passed to HESA and stored internally to allow validation to be performed.

For the purposes of course-level designation, a course is uniquely identified by the combination of a UKPRN, COURSEID and a LOCATION, which will be submitted to BIS and HEFCE as part of the designation process. Providers may alternatively be designated on the basis of the UK provider reference number (UKPRN) and LOCATION, if the provider holds designation regardless of their course offering.

The XDESIG03 field assigns a value to the instance of engagement between student and course, with reference to the designation status of the latest instance period submitted: XDESIG03 uses the designation status at the end of the reporting period. The accompanying field XDESIG02 ('Designation marker - instance period level') uses the designation status of the course that was current during each instance period as the basis for determining a value, which may potentially result in different values between the fields if the designation status has changed one or more times during the reporting period. The fields will, however, align for the latest instance period submitted.

A designated course may have multiple approved locations. Providers are required to submit every location associated with the relevant instance period - thus there may be several unique combinations of COURSEID and LOCATION per instance period. An instance period is only considered to be associated with a designated course if all associated locations are designated.

The assigning of a value in this field is done by initially attempting to match on all occurrences of the three fields associated with a designated course, and where this fails, verifying if the designation is held at provider level. Failure to match to this second stage will indicate neither the course nor the provider is designated.

## DEPENDENT FIELDS

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

HEFCE provide a designation file in xml format.

## HEFCE FILE STRUCTURE

Each 'Provider' entity contains:

UKPRN	Location identifier
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WITH EITHER

'CourseDesignation' entities (1 or more) containing:

COURSEID	Course identifier
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'Location' sub-entities (1 or more) containing:

LOCID	Location identifier
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LATESTSTATUS	Latest designation status
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OR

'LocationDesignation' entities (1 or more) containing:

LOCID	Location identifier
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LATESTSTATUS	Latest designation status
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## XDESIG03 DERIVATION USING THE HEFCE FILE

Provider. UKPRN	Latest InstancePeriod. COURSEID	Latest InstancePeriod. LOCATION (up to 10 per Instance Period)	Course. TTCID	Course. COURSEAIM	LATEST STATUS	XDESIG03
Match in HEFCE Designation file on Provider. UKPRN	Match in HEFCE Designation file for the Provider. UKPRN on Provider. CourseDesignation. COURSEID	All values submitted match on CourseDesignation. Location. LOCID in HEFCE Designation file for the Provider. UKPRN and InstancePeriod. COURSEID combination			All associated values are 'Current'	1
					Any associated value is 'Not designated'	0
					Otherwise	3
		Otherwise				0
	Otherwise	All values submitted match on LocationDesignation. Location. LOCID in HEFCE Designation file for the Provider. UKPRN	1, 9, D, F, Q			0
			Otherwise	(M00, M01, M02, M10, M11 or M16) and all associated locations have LocationDesignation. Location. LOCLOANTYPE containing 'PG'	All associated values are 'Current'	2
					Any associated value is 'Not designated'	0
					Otherwise	4
			Not (M00, M01, M02, M10, M11 or M16) and all associated locations have LocationDesignation. Location. LOCLOANTYPE containing 'UG'	All associated values are 'Current'		2
					Any associated value is 'Not designated'	0
					Otherwise	4
			Otherwise			0
			Otherwise			
Otherwise						0

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