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Higher Education Student Data Collection



COMMONWEALTH HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT SUPPORT NUMBER ALLOCATION (CHESSN)

DATA ELEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

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Document Change History

Version	Date	Author	Change	Reason for change	Impact of Change
1.0	01/07/2004	University Statistics Unit			
1.1	13/08/2004	University Statistics Unit	Sex code value of 'U' deleted. Legal values are M and F.		

Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support (CHESSN) data element specifications

Element	Description	XML Data type	Field Length	Data Element ¹	Code Value Source ²
AddressLine1	Postal address line 1 for a person.	string	50	406	
AddressLine2	Postal address line 2 for a person.	string	50	407	
BirthDate	Represents a person's date of birth.	date	10	314	
CitizenshipStatusCode	Indicates the citizenship or residency of a person.	string	1	358	HEPCAT Element 358
ContinuingStudentId	The student number allocated to a continuing student supplied by the HEP (Higher Education Provider) they are currently enrolled in.	string	10	313	
CountryCode	A code representing a country for the person's postal address.	string	4		HEPCAT Element 346
CountryName	The name of a country for the person's postal address.	string	46		
FamilyName	Represents a person's family name or surname. If a person has only one name, it should go in this field.	string	40	402	
GivenName	The first name of the person, also known as Christian name.	string	40	403	
HepCode	The code representing a HEP (Higher Education Provider) a person has attended.	string	4		HEPCAT element 306
HepName	The name of a HEP (Higher Education Provider) a person has attended.	String	200		
HepNumber	The student number allocated to a person when they attended a HEP (Higher Education Provider).	String	10		
HepYear	The year in which a person attended a HEP (Higher Education Provider).	gYear	4		
LocalityName	The full name of the general locality containing the specific postal address. This will normally be the name of a town or suburb.	string	46	466	
OtherGivenName	Represents any other names a person has such as middle	string	40	404	

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PostCode	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place.	string	12	409	
PreviousName - FamilyName	Represents a person's previous family name or surname.	string	40		
PreviousName - GivenName	The previous first name of the person, also known as Christian name.	string	40		
PreviousName - OtherGivenName	Represents any previous other names a person has such as middle names.	string	40		
RecordId	An identifier assigned to each transaction so that they can be distinguished when the server returns the results.	string	20		
SexCode	A code indicating the biological distinction between male and female.	string	1	315	M, F
StateCode	A code indicating an Australian address state or territory code.	string	3	467	NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS, ACT, NT, SA, WA or AAT.
AttendedPreviousHepCode	An indicator as to whether a person attended a previous HEP (Higher Education Provider).	string	*		AttendedPreviousHep, DidNotAttendPreviousHep, or Unknown.
AttendedYear12Code	An indicator as to whether a person attended Year 12 at an Australian high school.	string	*		AttendedYear12, DidNotAttendYear12, or Unknown.
Year12Number	A Year 12 student number.	string	11		
Year12SchoolName	The name of an Australian school in which a person attended Year 12.	string	200		
Year12StateCode	The state or territory in which a person attended Year 12 in an Australian high school.	string	3		NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS, ACT, NT, SA, WA or AAT.
Year12Year	The year in which a person attended Year 12 in an Australian high school.	gYear	4		

* No field length is defined in the XLM schema for these data element codes as the value is restricted to defined code values.

1. Data Element – This column identifies the equivalent data element in the Data Collection.

2. Code Value Source – code value data elements are limited to values identified by the Code Value Source. Those indicated with a “Data element” indicates that the list of possible values for the element is equivalent to the list of that Data Collection element number.