

ID 54347: HND to degree bridging courses revised specification

Please note that whilst this requirement only applies to providers in Wales, it has an impact on all providers as it results in the removal of valid entry 01 which is replaced by a new, broader code 00.

Type	Field										
Short name	BRIDGECRS										
Description	This field records whether the Course delivery is a foundation degree to degree bridging course. For providers in Wales, this field also records whether the Course delivery is an HND to degree bridging course.										
Applicable to	England Northern Ireland Scotland Wales										
Coverage	All CourseDelivery entities where Qualification.LABEL is credits at level 6 or below (00301, 00470, 00488, 00496).										
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Notes	<p>Bridging courses are taken after completing a foundation degree or, additionally for providers in Wales, an HND to enable students to join the final year of an honours degree. They are short courses which are not an integral part of the course they are bridging from, although progression from a successful completion of the bridging course to the final year of an honours degree is assured.</p> <p>Where a student's studies include, within the same Engagement, a foundation degree to degree bridging course, this bridging course element will be shown by valid entry 02 in CourseDelivery.BRIDGE and an increased FTE in StudentCourseSession.STULOAD as applicable.</p> <p>For providers in Wales, where a student's studies include, within the same Engagement, an HND to degree bridging course, this bridging course element will be shown by valid entry 03 in CourseDelivery.BRIDGE and an increased FTE in StudentCourseSession.STULOAD as applicable.</p> <p>If a provider offers a degree bridging course that leads to credits and progresses onto a first degree this would constitute two Course deliveries. The first would have (for example) CourseDelivery.BRIDGE = 02 and an associated qualification aim of credits. The second would have a qualification aim of first degree and so the CourseDelivery.BRIDGE would not need to be returned. The two deliveries could be associated with the same Course entity provided none of the Course level information differs. A</p>										

	student studying on these Course deliveries would have two Student registrations, one associated with each delivery.
Quality rules	A new rule will be introduced to restrict use of valid entry 03 to providers in Wales.
Reason required	To identify students who undertook foundation degree and, for providers in Wales, HND, bridging courses in order to allocate funding, monitor progression and identify top ups to degree courses
Part of	<u>Course delivery</u>
Field length	2