

Performance Indicators technical changes to the Performance Indicators

PITG 11/10

Issue

1. Look at the impact of the changes to the highest qualification on entry coding frame (previously QVALENT2, now QVALENT3) to the benchmark groups.

Recommendations

2. Recommendation: PITG to discuss the proposed changes to the benchmark groups

Discussion

3. From 2010/11 HESA introduced the new coding frame QVALENT3 for highest qualification on entry to replace the existing QVALENT2. From 2010/11, entrants are required to return data in QVALENT3, but QVALENT2 may still be used for existing students. As a result, the entry qualification groups for the widening participation data (entrants only) will be based on QVALENT3 alone. For the DSA, non-continuation and employment PIs, the entry qualification groups will use a combination of QVALENT2 and QVALENT3 codes.
4. Although there is a mapping of QVALENT2 to the QVALENT3 code which UCAS would use in *J, multiple QVALENT2 codes map to the same QVALENT3 code. For example, Foundation course at FE level and ONC or OND (including BTEC & SQA equivalents) are coded as X04 (Other qualification level not known) but no longer have a specific QVALENT3 code.
5. The table below shows a comparison between the existing highest qualification on entry groupings which are used within the PI benchmarks and the HESA derived field XQVALENT01 with a proposal for the new qualification on entry groups.

Issues

6. Although it seems sensible to follow the HESA derived field where possible, splitting out foundation courses, tariff bearing qualifications into more detailed groups, BTECs, International Baccalaureates and Access courses, there are a few issues to consider (highlighted in the table below):
7. ONC or OND (including BTEC & SQA equivalents) can no longer be identified using a QVALENT3 code, would need to rely on BTECs being returned in the more detailed QUALTYPE information.
8. FE level foundation courses can no longer be identified using a QVALENT3, only the HE level foundation can be identified.
9. From 2010/11 International Baccalaureate Certificates and International Baccalaureate Diplomas are both tariff bearing (previously only International Baccalaureate Diplomas were), should both be included in the International Baccalaureate group?
10. Code X04 contains a range of qualifications, suggest coding within the PI group "Others".
11. Code 10 in QVALENT2 was previously coded as other undergraduate in the PIs group, should it be included within first degree in line with the derived field?
12. GNVQ/NVQ can no longer be identified using QVALENT3, but can be left as a separate group where QVALENT2 = 37 or 38 are returned.

Proposed entry qualification groups to be used in the benchmarks

XQALENT01	QALENT2	QALENT3	Current PI groups	Proposed groups
A Postgraduate (excluding PGCE)	01, 02, 05	DUK, DZZ, D80, MUK, M41, M44, M80, M90, MZZ	Higher education qualification - Postgraduate	Higher education qualification - Postgraduate
B PGCE	03, 04	H71, M71		
C First degree	11	M2X, HUK, HZZ, JUK	Higher education qualification - First Degree	Higher education qualification - First Degree
	10	H11	Higher education qualification - Other Undergraduate	
D Other undergraduate qualification	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31	H80, J10, J20, J30, J48, J80, C20, C30, C44, C80, C90		Higher education qualification - Other Undergraduate
		29	J49	Foundation course
E Other qualification	21, 22	(C90)	Higher education qualification - Other Undergraduate	Higher education qualification - Other Undergraduate
	28	(X04)		
	94, 97	X04, (P80)	Others	Others
F Level 3 qualification (including A levels and Highers)	39, 40	P41, P42, P46, P47, P50, P51, P53, P64, P65, P68, P80, P91	Tariff groups, BTECs and International Baccalaureates	Tariff groups, BTECs and International Baccalaureates
	41	No equivalent	ONC or OND (including BTEC & SQA equivalents)	Not applicable
	47	P62, P63	International Baccalaureate	International Baccalaureate
	37, 38	No equivalent	GNVQ/NVQ	Not applicable
	No equivalent	P92	No equivalent	A-level equivalent qualifications with unknown points
	44, 45, 48	X00, X01	Access course	Access course
	43, 72	No equivalent	Foundation course	Not applicable
G Qualifications at Level 2 and below	55, 56, 57	Q51, Q52, Q80, R51, R52, R80	Others	Others
H No formal qualification	92, 93, 98	X02, X05	None	None
I Not known	99	X06	Unknown	Unknown
J Not applicable	Null	Null	Not applicable	Not applicable

Appendix

QUALENT2 codes

1	Higher degree of UK institution
2	Postgraduate diploma or certificate, excluding PGCE
3	PGCE with QTS/GTC registration
4	PGCE without QTS/GTC registration
5	Postgraduate equivalent qualification not elsewhere specified
10	Undergraduate qualifications with QTS
11	First degree of UK institution
12	Graduate of EU institution
13	Graduate of other overseas institution
14	GNVQ/GSVQ level 5
15	NVQ/SVQ level 5
16	Graduate equivalent qualification not elsewhere specified
21	OU credit(s)
22	Other credits from UK HE institution
23	Certificate or diploma of education (i.e. non-graduate initial teacher training qualification)
24	HNC or HND (including BTEC & SQA equivalents)
25	Dip. HE
26	GNVQ/GSVQ level 4
27	NVQ/SVQ level 4
28	Professional qualifications
29	Foundation course at HE level
30	Other HE qualification of less than degree standard
31	Foundation Degree
37	GNVQ/GSVQ level 3
38	NVQ/SVQ level 3
39	'A' level equivalent qualification not elsewhere specified
40	Any combinations of GCE 'A'/SQA 'Higher'/SQA 'Advanced Higher' & GNVQ/GSVQ or NVQ/SVQ at level 3
41	ONC or OND (including BTEC & SQA equivalents)
43	Foundation course at FE level
44	Access course (QAA recognised)
45	Access course (not QAA recognised)
47	Baccalaureate
55	GCSE/'O' level qualifications only; SQA 'O' grades & Standard grades
56	Other non-advanced qualification
57	NVQ/SVQ level 2
72	Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art & Design)
92	Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning (APEL/APL)
93	Mature student admitted on basis of previous experience (without formal APEL/APL) &/or institution's own entrance examinations
94	Advanced Modern Apprenticeships
97	Other non-UK qualification, level not known
98	Student has no formal qualification
99	Not known

QVALENT3 codes

DUK	UK doctorate degree
DZZ	Non-UK doctorate degree
D80	Other qualification at level D
MUK	UK masters degree
MZZ	Non-UK masters degree
M2X	Integrated undergraduate/postgraduate taught masters degree on the enhanced/extended pattern
M41	Diploma at level M
M44	Certificate at level M
M71	Postgraduate Certificate in Education or Professional Graduate Diploma in Education
M80	Other taught qualification at level M
M90	Taught work at level M for institutional credit
HUK	UK first degree with honours
HZZ	Non-UK first degree
H11	First degree with honours leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/registration with a General Teaching Council (GTC)
H71	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education
H80	Other qualification at level H
JUK	UK ordinary (non-honours) first degree
J10	Foundation degree
J20	Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
J30	Higher National Diploma (HND)
J49	Foundation course at level J
J48	Certificate in Education (CertEd) or Diploma in Education (DipEd) (i.e. non-graduate initial teacher training qualification)
J80	Other qualification at level J
C20	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
C30	Higher National Certificate (HNC)
C44	Higher Apprenticeship (level 4)
C80	Other qualification at level C
C90	Undergraduate credits
P41	Diploma at level 3
P42	Certificate at level 3
P46	Award at level 3
P47	AQA Baccalaureate (Bacc)
P50	A/AS level
P51	14-19 Advanced Diploma (level 3)
P53	Scottish Baccalaureate
P62	International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
P63	International Baccalaureate (IB) Certificate
P64	Cambridge Pre-U Diploma
P65	Cambridge Pre-U Certificate
P68	Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma (level 3)
P80	Other qualification at level 3
P91	Level 3 qualifications of which some or all are subject to UCAS Tariff
P92	Level 3 qualifications of which none are subject to UCAS Tariff

Q51	14-19 Higher Diploma (level 2)
Q52	Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma (level 2)
Q80	Other qualification at level 2
R51	14-19 Foundation Diploma (level 1)
R52	Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation Diploma (level 1)
R80	Other qualification at level 1
X00	Higher education (HE) access course, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) recognised
X01	Higher education (HE) access course, not Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) recognised
X02	Mature student admitted on basis of previous experience and/or admissions test
X04	Other qualification level not known
X05	Student has no formal qualification
X06	Not known