

ABSCQ

APPENDIX 5

**LINK BETWEEN THE ABSCQ AND THE 1986
CENSUS CLASSIFICATION**

Link Between the 1986 Census Classification of Qualifications and ABSCQ

The 1986 Census classification used level of attainment for the broadest categories in the classification. Within each level of attainment category, fields of study were identified. However, these fields of study were not consistent between levels of attainment, therefore, the fields of study may be different according to the level at which they were studied. The ABSCQ has maintained some degree of comparability with the 1986 Census classification. However, differences in the classification structure and coding process used in the 1986 Census may pose some practical difficulties when attempting any detailed comparison.

LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT

1986 CENSUS		ABSCQ	
<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>
0	Higher Degree Level	1	Higher Degree
1	Graduate Diploma Level	2	Postgraduate Diploma
2	Bachelor Level	3	Bachelor Degree
3	Diploma Level	4	Undergraduate Diploma
		5	Associate Diploma
4	Certificate – Trade Level	6	Skilled Vocational Qualifications
5	Certificate – Other Level	5	Associate Diploma
		7	Basic Vocational Qualifications

Whilst there is a fairly good correlation between levels 0, 1, 2 and 3 of the 1986 Classification and ABSCQ, care should be exercised when attempting to compare levels 4 and 5 of the 1986 Classification to ABSCQ.

On the basis of the Census Dress Rehearsal, it is estimated that approximately 95% of *Skilled Vocational Qualifications* are Trade Certificate qualifications, the remainder comprising of certificates assessed as being of equivalent level (although not necessarily in a trade). As yet, no estimate of the proportion of Trade Certificates in *Skilled Vocational Qualifications* has been produced from 1991 Census data.

Care should also be exercised when attempting to relate the 1986 Level 5 *Certificate – Other Level* with ABSCQ. Advanced Certificates, Certificates of Technology and Technician Certificates (all ABSCQ Level 5) were coded to this 1986 category, as well as basic vocational certificates (ABSCQ Level 7) and possibly hobby courses (which are out of scope of ABSCQ).

FIELD OF STUDY

1986 CENSUS		ABSCQ	
<i>Title</i>		<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>
MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED FIELDS		1	BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION
NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES		5	NATURAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES
Natural and Applied Sciences		51	Life Sciences
		52	Physical Sciences
		59	Other Natural and Physical Sciences
Mathematical and Computer Sciences		53	Mathematics and Statistics
		54	Computer Science
ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY		6	ENGINEERING
ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING		7	ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING
SOCIAL SCIENCES		4	SOCIETY AND CULTURE
HUMANITIES		4	SOCIETY AND CULTURE
RELIGION AND THEOLOGY		45	Religion and Philosophy
EDUCATION		3	EDUCATION
Teacher Training		31	School Teacher Training
		32	Post-School Teacher Training
Education NEC and not specified		39	Other Education
MEDICINE AND HEALTH		2	HEALTH
Medicine		21	Medicine
Dentistry		24	Dental Studies
Paramedicine		29	Other Health
VETERINARY SCIENCE		25	Veterinary Studies
ARTISTIC, LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS		44	Languages and Area Studies
		48	Visual and Performing Arts
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY		8	AGRICULTURE AND RELATED FIELDS
MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION		6	ENGINEERING
Electrical and Electronic		63	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Metal		65	Metallurgical and Mining Engineering
Vehicle		67	Automotive Engineering
Printing		66	Printing
Furniture		68	Textiles, Clothing and Footwear
Footwear, Clothing and Textile		68	Textiles, Clothing and Footwear
Other Manufacturing and Construction		69	Other Engineering

FIELD OF STUDY (cont...)

1986 CENSUS	ABSCQ	
<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>
SERVICES	9	MISCELLANEOUS FIELDS
Transport and Communication	93	Transport
Food and Related Services	92	Food and Hospitality Services
Other Services	91	Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
	494	Policing Studies
MILITARY AND DEFENCE	-	-
FIELD OF STUDY NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	-	-
FIELD OF STUDY NOT SPECIFIED	-	-

Whilst there is a broad correlation between the 1986 Classification fields of study **names** and ABSCQ, it is not particularly meaningful to link the 1986 Classification **codes** with those of ABSCQ. This is due to the fact that field of study codes assigned using the 1986 Classification depend on the level of the qualification and are not uniform across all levels as they are in ABSCQ. For example, using the 1986 Classification, *Religion and Theology* can be assigned the following field of study codes depending on the level: 33 (level 0); 35 (level 1); 36 (levels 2 and 3); and 23 (level 5), compared to using ABSCQ where it is assigned the code 45 (narrow field) for all appropriate levels of attainment.

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