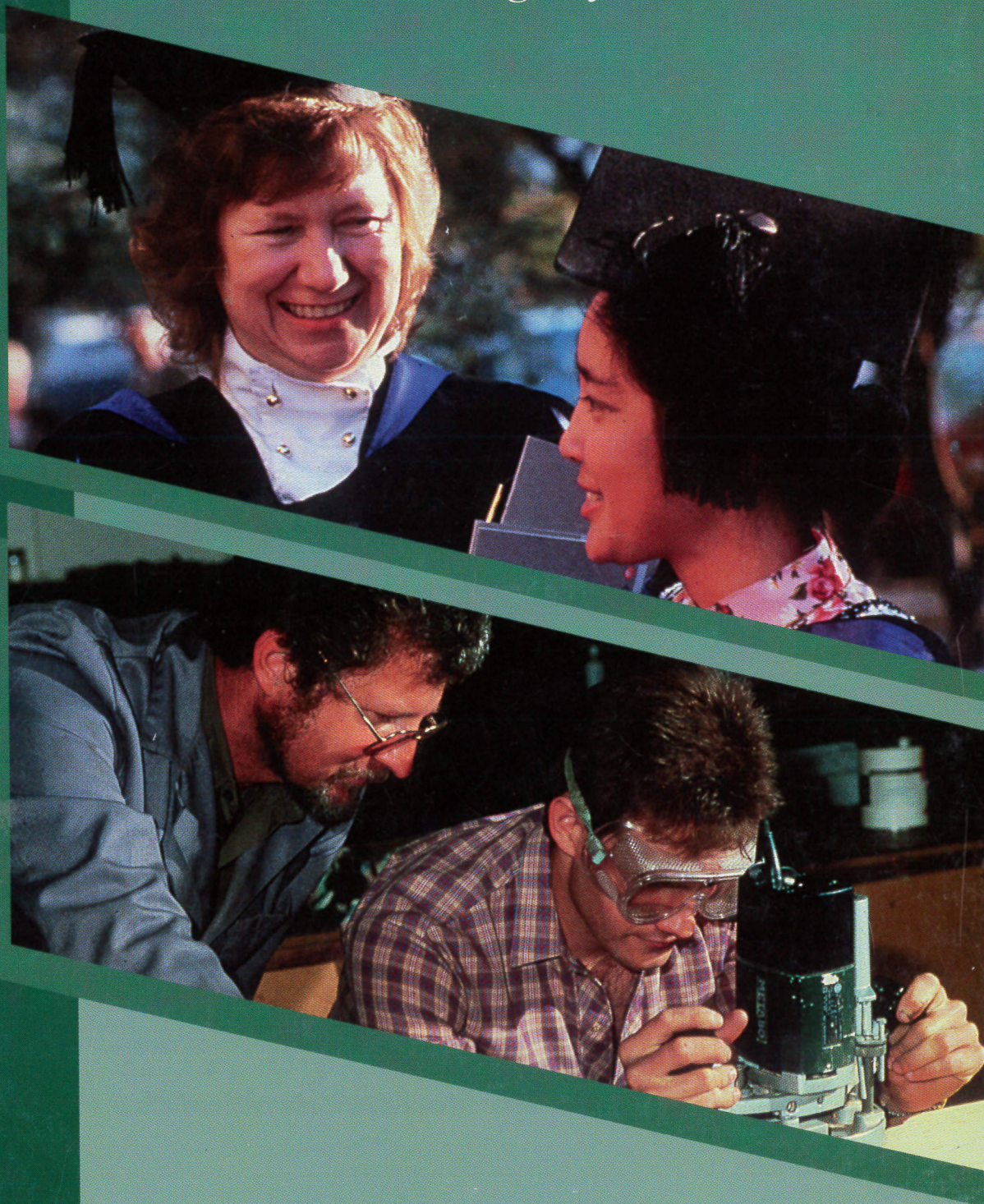


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## FOREWORD

The *ABS Classification of Qualifications – Manual Coding System* is one of two publications which comprise the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). This publication is intended for use in coding information on post-school educational qualifications.

The ABSCQ was first used in the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, and is being progressively introduced into other ABS collections. To enhance comparability of education statistics from different sources, use of the classification by other agencies involved in the production of statistics on post-school qualifications and courses is encouraged.

The application of the ABSCQ requires not only a set of standard definitions and concepts, but also a standard method for accurately and consistently assigning codes to information relating to qualifications. Information on qualifications is usually produced by asking a series of open-ended questions relating to the qualification and then coding the response to a standard classification.

The *ABS Classification of Qualifications – Manual Coding System* was developed to enable a 4-digit code (level of attainment and field of study) to be assigned, with a high degree of accuracy and consistency, to information about a particular qualification. Coding information on qualifications according to the procedures set out in the Manual Coding System will enable users to produce statistics compatible with those produced by the ABS. Users should refer to the *ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ) (1262.0)* when interpreting statistics coded to this classification. This classification will be revised periodically to reflect changes in post-school educational qualifications in Australia.

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