

# **2025-26 Student (25056) data**

**HESES25 comparison technical document**

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# Summary

1. This document describes the Higher Education Students Early Statistics survey 2025-26 (HESES25) comparison files generated by the 2025-26 Student data checking tool, and the algorithms used to generate the data needed to recreate HESES25 from the Student (25056) record submitted to the designated data body (DDB).
2. Throughout the document, fields taken or derived from the 2025-26 Student (25056) record are shown in capitals.
3. The HESES25 comparison output is formed of two files. These are:
  - a. HESES25 comparison workbook 'HES25\_DCT\_XXXXXXXXX.xlsx'
  - b. HESES25 comparison individualised file 'HES25\_DCT\_XXXXXXXXX\_IND.csv'where XXXXXXXXX is the UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN) for the provider.
4. The data in the HESES25 data checking tool outputs are provided as a data quality tool, to aid providers in getting their data correct and to give providers an opportunity to feedback on any potential issues with new OfS algorithms and must not be used for any other purpose.
5. This document is aimed at readers with in-depth knowledge of the data. Readers are advised to refer to a copy of the Student Record – 25056 collection information and 'Higher Education Students Early Statistics survey 2025-26 (HESES25)' when using this document.
6. We will document any changes or corrections to the algorithms in this document on the OfS website (2025-26 Student data checking tool under 'Updates').
7. This document focusses on the algorithms that underpin the production of your HESES25 comparison individualised file. For information about how to transform your individualised file into your HESES25 comparison workbook, please refer to the HESES25 rebuild document at '2025-26 Student data checking tool'.

## Changes to this document

8. We are currently moving to a new data system which will help us streamline our delivery of data insights and improve our publications for you. As part of this, we have updated our documentation with clearer field names. This is our first step towards being able to provide a single source of technical documentation to underpin multiple data publications.
9. When we publish our data checking tool outputs and related individualised files in the future, we will be using the new field names in our documentation. To aid the transition to these new field names, we have included the previous field name in the heading for each algorithm in brackets.
10. If you have any questions or feedback about the changes to this document, please get in touch at [providermetrics@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:providermetrics@officeforstudents.org.uk).

## Changes from 2023-24 data checking tool

11. This section describes any changes to the outputs and algorithms since the equivalent was published (and subsequently updated) for the 2023-24 Student data checking tool ([Data checking tool documentation archive](#) under '2023-24').
12. Any deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough~~. Any other changes are shown as **bold and underlined**.

### Items removed from the outputs

13. There are several categories of data that are no longer required to inform OfS funding allocations and are no longer collected in the HESES return. As a result, the following derived fields have been removed:
  - a. HESREG
  - b. HESLENGTH
  - c. HESWORKWKSABROADX
  - d. HESTOTWORKWKSABROAD
  - e. HESWORKWKSUKX
  - f. HESTOTWORKWKSUK
  - g. HESWKSABROADX
  - h. HESTOTWKS
  - i. HESSCSYATYPE
  - j. HESYATYPE
  - k. HESYAPOP
  - l. HESRESSTAT
  - m. HESHTQ

14. The HESSCSEXCL2 algorithm in 2023-24 has been removed as FUNLENGTH is optional for the 25056 collection.

### Items added to the outputs

15. The registering\_ukprn and teaching\_ukprn algorithms have been added in paragraphs 65-67 to enable identification of students taught under a subcontractual arrangement.
16. The price\_group\_c13\_proportion algorithm has been added to the price group algorithms in paragraph 81, as price group C1.3 has been introduced for HESES25.

## Other changes

17. The year\_of\_engagement\_record\_number (HESYOENUM) algorithm in paragraph 51 has been updated as follows:

| Value | Description                                                               | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2     | This SCS belongs to second countable year of engagement                   | <del>PREPFLAG = 01</del><br><b><u>Provider-specific override</u></b>                                                                                                                                              |
| 0     | Activity for this SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement | Another SCS exists in 2025-26 with an earlier SCSSTARTDATE (which is on or after 1 August 2025) and YEARPRG > 0 and YEARPRG of this earlier SCS is less than the YEARPRG of the SCS considered here and not above |
| 1     | This SCS belongs to first countable year of engagement                    | SCSSTARTDATE < 1 August 2025 and had_scs_in_previous_year = 1 and previous_year_yearprg < YEARPRG and not above                                                                                                   |
| 0     | Activity for this SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement | SCSSTARTDATE < 1 August 2025 and not above                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1     | This SCS belongs to first countable year of engagement                    | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

18. The funding\_domicile\_group (HESEC) algorithm in paragraph 64 has been updated because 'XL' is no longer a valid country code in the Student (25056) record:

| Value | Description                          | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UK    | UK-domiciled                         | PERMADDCOUNTRY = XF, XG, XH, XI, XK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CROWN | Crown Dependencies domiciled         | PERMADDCOUNTRY = GG, IM, JE, <del>XL</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| IE    | Irish nationals domiciled in Ireland | PERMADDCOUNTRY = IE and NATION = IE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| OEU   | Other Home and EU domiciled          | PERMADDCOUNTRY = AI, AN, AT, AW, AX, BE, BG, BL, BM, BQ, CH, CW, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, EU, FI, FK, FO, FR, GF, GI, GL, GP, GR, GS, HR, HU, IC, IE, IS, IT, KY, LI, LT, LU, LV, MF, MQ, MS, MT, NC, NL, NO, PF, PL, PM, PN, PT, RE, RO, SE, SH, SI, SK, SX, TC, VG, WF, XA, YT and not above |
| OTHER | Otherwise                            | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

19. The fundability\_status (HESTYPE) algorithm in paragraph 65 has been updated to ensure that postgraduate research students are not categorised as OfS-fundable:

| Value | Description           | Definition                                                                               |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOMEF | Home fee OfS-fundable | At least one value of FUNDINGBODYX = 5016 <b><u>and funding_level_of_study ≠ PGR</u></b> |

| Value  | Description           | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOMENF | Home fee non-fundable | (FEEELIG = 01 or<br>(FEEELIG = 03 and<br>(funding_domicile_group = UK, IE or<br>(funding_domicile_group = CROWN and<br>is_distance_learner_scs = 0) or<br>(funding_domicile_group = OEU and<br>ENGSTARTDATE < 1 August 2021))))<br>and not above |
| ISOV   | Overseas              | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

20. The price\_group\_a\_proportion, price\_group\_b\_proportion, price\_group\_c11\_proportion, price\_group\_c12\_proportion, price\_group\_c2\_proportion and price\_group\_d\_proportion (HESPRGX) algorithms in paragraph 80 have been rewritten because of changes to the way subject data is recorded in HESES25.

21. The funding\_override\_fields\_flag (HESOVER) algorithm in paragraph 100 has been updated to account for derived fields that are no longer in the outputs:

| Value                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <del>1</del>          | <del>Override to HESESFTE (not used in 2023-24)</del>                                                                                                                         |
| <del>2</del> 1        | Override to funding_exclusion                                                                                                                                                 |
| <del>4</del> 2        | Override to funding_level_of_study                                                                                                                                            |
| <del>8</del> 4        | Override to funding_mode_of_study                                                                                                                                             |
| <del>16</del>         | <del>Override to HESREG</del>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <del>32</del> 8       | Override to fundability_status                                                                                                                                                |
| <del>64</del>         | <del>Override to HESYAPOP</del>                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>128</del>        | <del>Override to HESYATYPE</del>                                                                                                                                              |
| <del>256</del>        | <del>Override to HESLENGTH</del>                                                                                                                                              |
| <del>512</del> 16     | Override to price_group_x_proportion for students on foundation degrees for teaching assistants (awarded as an additional student number bid, or otherwise agreed by the OfS) |
| <del>1024</del> 32    | Other overrides to price_group_x_proportion                                                                                                                                   |
| <del>2048</del> 64    | Override to year_of_engagement_record_number                                                                                                                                  |
| <del>4096</del> 128   | Override to preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1/2                                                                                                                         |
| <del>8192</del> 256   | Override to in_funding_health_population                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>16384</del> 512  | Override to preregistration_healthcare_profession_1/2                                                                                                                         |
| <del>32768</del> 1024 | Override to health_course_start_year_funding                                                                                                                                  |

## Overrides

22. Occasionally primary derived field(s) need to be overridden for some records. This occurs in circumstances where we cannot correctly categorise those records using an algorithm. Some providers may require overrides in their HESES25 comparison as generated by the 2025-26

Student data checking tool, using Student (25056) data. If you require an override in the HESES25 comparison, please contact [HESASStudentData@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:HESASStudentData@officeforstudents.org.uk).

## **HESES25 comparison individualised file**

23. When working through this document it is necessary to use the individualised file HES25\_DCT\_XXXXXXX\_IND.csv. These files contain the values of all fields used to generate the HESES25 comparison.
24. Fields taken from the 2025-26 Student (25056) record or derived as part of the HESES25 comparison are shown in capitals using the names given in Tables 2 and 3 respectively.
25. Specific instructions for rebuilding the HESES25 comparison workbook from the individualised file are provided in the HESES25 comparison rebuild document.
26. The individualised file contains one record per student course session (SCS) for each unique combination of UKPRN, SID, NUMHUS.

## **Student course session ranking**

27. The SCS derived field `funding_scs_exclusion` determines whether or not a SCS is included in the HESES25 population. SCSs are ranked by whether or not they are in the HESES25 population, then by descending `SCSSTARTDATE`. Thus, a SCS which is included in the population is always ranked higher than an excluded SCS, even if the excluded SCS has a later `SCSSTARTDATE`.
28. Where a student has SCSs in two years of engagement in the reporting period, the ranking process will be carried out separately for `year_of_engagement_record_number = 0`, `year_of_engagement_record_number = 1` and `year_of_engagement_record_number = 2`. The data associated with the first ranked SCS is used to define the year of engagement in the HESES25 population. Data for all SCSs is shown in the individualised file.

## Student (25056) fields used to create the HESES25 comparison output

29. The Student (25056) fields used to generate the HESES25 comparison are listed in Table 2.

**Table 2: List of Student (25056) fields used in the HESES25 comparison**

| Entity                   | Name                      | Description                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Course                   | COURSETITLE <sup>†</sup>  | Title of the course                                                                                    |
| Course                   | PREREQUISITE              | Level of the course for funding purposes.                                                              |
| Course                   | TTCID                     | Indicates whether the course is a teacher training course and identifies the type of teacher training. |
| Course initiative        | COURSEINITID <sup>‡</sup> | Identifies the specific scheme associated with the course.                                             |
| Curriculum accreditation | CURACCID                  | The specific accreditation type applicable to the course.                                              |
| Engagement               | ENGPRINONUK               | Students who will spend the majority of their engagement outside the UK.                               |
| Engagement               | ENGSTARTDATE              | Start date for the engagement.                                                                         |
| Engagement               | FEEELIG                   | Distinguishes between those students who are eligible to pay home fees and those who are not.          |
| Engagement               | INCOMINGEXCHANGE          | Identifies if the student is an incoming exchange or visiting student.                                 |
| Engagement               | NUMHUS <sup>†</sup>       | Identifier for the engagement.                                                                         |
| Engagement               | OWNENGID <sup>†</sup>     | Provider's own engagement identifier.                                                                  |
| Engagement               | QTS                       | Indicates whether a student has qualified teacher status.                                              |
| Engagement               | UKPRN <sup>†</sup>        | UK Provider Reference Number                                                                           |
| Entry profile            | PERMADDCOUNTRY            | Country of the student's permanent home address on entry to their engagement.                          |
| Funding and monitoring   | NONREGFEE <sup>‡</sup>    | Students who are not subject to regulated fees.                                                        |
| Funding body             | FUNDINGBODY               | The body that is responsible for allocating funding for a fundable SCS.                                |
| Leaver                   | ENGENDDATE                | End date of the engagement.                                                                            |
| Leaver                   | RSNENGEND                 | Reason the engagement has ended.                                                                       |
| Placement                | PLACEMENT                 | Records where the SCS contains a placement.                                                            |
| Qualification            | QUALCAT                   | Qualification category.                                                                                |
| Qualification            | QUALID                    | Unique identifier for the qualification.                                                               |
| Qualification subject    | QUALPROPORTION1-5         | Proportion allocated to each subject contributing to a qualification.                                  |

| Entity                        | Name                   | Description                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Qualification subject         | QUALSUBJECT1-5         | The subject(s) of the qualification.                                                                                      |
| Reference period student load | RPSTULOAD              | Full-time equivalence that is applicable to the relevant reference period.                                                |
| Session status                | STATUSCHANGEDTO        | Status the student has moved to.                                                                                          |
| Session status                | STATUSVALIDFROM        | Date the status is valid from                                                                                             |
| Student                       | NATION                 | Legal nationality of the student                                                                                          |
| Student                       | OWNSTU <sup>†</sup>    | Provider's own internal identifier for the student.                                                                       |
| Student                       | SID <sup>†</sup>       | Unique identifier for the student.                                                                                        |
| Student accreditation aim     | STUACCID               | The accreditation for teacher training accreditations or where the student has specialised part way through their course. |
| Student course session        | COURSEID <sup>†</sup>  | Unique identifier for a course associated with the SCS.                                                                   |
| Student course session        | PREPFLAG               | SCS represents a preparatory phase of the students studies.                                                               |
| Student course session        | SCSENDDATE             | End date of the student course session.                                                                                   |
| Student course session        | SCSESSIONID            | Unique identifier for the student course session.                                                                         |
| Student course session        | SCSMODE                | Mode of study of the student during the student course session.                                                           |
| Student course session        | SCSSTARTDATE           | Start date of the student course session.                                                                                 |
| Student course session        | YEARPRG                | Year of programme that applies to the SCS.                                                                                |
| Student initiative            | STUINITID <sup>‡</sup> | Specific scheme associated with the engagement.                                                                           |
| Study location                | DISTANCE               | Records if the student is distance learning and whether they are inside or outside the UK.                                |
| Study location                | STUDYLOCID             | Unique identifier for the study location entity.                                                                          |
| Engagement derived field      | Z_EXPECTOEND           | DDB derived field, shows the initial expected end date of an engagement.                                                  |

† These fields are not used in the comparison but are included in the individualised file to allow easy identification of students.

‡ These fields are not shown in the data checking tool individualised files as they are only used to derive fields that are not necessary for rebuilding data checking tool outputs.

## Description of derived fields

30. The derived fields used to generate the HESES25 comparison are listed in Table 3.

**Table 3: List of derived fields used in the HESES25 comparison**

| Name                                                                                          | Description                                                             | Paragraph      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| average_expected_course_length_funding<br>(HESA VRGCRSELGTH)                                  | Average expected_course_length_funding                                  | 53             |
| COURSEINITID1-3 <sup>‡</sup>                                                                  | Course scheme initiative identifiers                                    | 32             |
| CURACCID1-3                                                                                   | Course accreditation identifiers                                        | 33             |
| DISTANCE1-3                                                                                   | Distance learning identifiers                                           | 38             |
| engagement_start_date_funding<br>(HESENGSTARTDATE)                                            | Engagement start date                                                   | 50             |
| expected_course_length_funding<br>(HESCRSELGTH)                                               | Expected length of the course                                           | 52             |
| fundability_status (HESTYPE)                                                                  | Fundability status                                                      | 69             |
| funding_broad_level_of_study<br>(HESBROADLEVEL)                                               | Broad level of study                                                    | 63             |
| funding_domicile_group (HESEC)                                                                | Indicates where a student has a UK, other Home and EU or other domicile | 64             |
| funding_engagement_exclusion<br>(HESENGEXCL)                                                  | Reason(s) for exclusion of engagement                                   | 87             |
| funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_1<br>(HESENGEXCL1, HESENGEXCL2, HESENGEXCL4, HESENGEXCL8) | Engagement period exclusions                                            | 83, 84, 85, 86 |
| funding_exclusion<br>(HESEXCL)                                                                | Reason(s) for the exclusion from the HESES population                   | 89             |
| funding_level_of_study (HESLEVEL) <sup>‡</sup>                                                | Level of study                                                          | 62             |
| funding_mode_of_study (HESMODE)                                                               | Mode of study                                                           | 54             |
| funding_override_fields_flag (HESOVER)                                                        | Primary derived field(s) being overwritten                              | 100            |
| funding_scs_exclusion (HESSCSEXCL)                                                            | Reason(s) for SCS exclusion                                             | 74             |
| funding_scs_exclusion_reason_x<br>(HESSCSEXCL1, HESSCSEXCL2, HESSCSEXCL4)                     | SCS exclusions                                                          | 71, 72, 73     |
| funding_scs_number (HESSCSNUM)                                                                | SCS ranking                                                             | 48             |

| Name                                                                     | Description                                                                                                                         | Paragraph |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| FUNDINGBODY1-3                                                           | Funding body identifiers                                                                                                            | 36        |
| had_foundation_year (HESYRZERROADJ)                                      | Indicates whether the student has taken a foundation year                                                                           | 78        |
| had_scs_in_previous_year (HESSCSPYR)                                     | Previous year SCS                                                                                                                   | 46        |
| health_course_start_year_funding (HESHEALTHYEAR)                         | Indicates whether the student started their course in 2025-26 or another academic year                                              | 98        |
| in_funding_health_population (HESHEALTHPOP)                              | Identifies whether the student will be included in pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health profession courses         | 99        |
| is_distance_learner_scs (HESDISTANCE)                                    | Distance learning indicator                                                                                                         | 49        |
| is_funding_entrant (HESNEWENTRANT)                                       | Identifies whether a student is a new entrant                                                                                       | 94        |
| is_pg_loan_eligible (HESPGLOANELIGIBILITY) ‡                             | Indicates postgraduate loan eligibility                                                                                             | 55        |
| is_riba_part_2 (HESACCREDARCTWO) ‡                                       | Architects Registration Board (ARB) at Part 2 level identifier                                                                      | 56        |
| is_social_work_student (HESACCREDSOCIAL)                                 | Social work course identifier                                                                                                       | 80        |
| medical_dental_vet_price_group_a (HESCLIN)                               | Price group A clinical and veterinary students                                                                                      | 79        |
| medical_dental_vet_student (HESMDV)                                      | Medicine, dentistry or veterinary science student                                                                                   | 76        |
| pgt_previous_year_2_count (HESPGTPYR2)                                   | Number of PGT years of instance in 2021-22                                                                                          | 92        |
| pgt_previous_year_count (HESPGTPYR)                                      | Number of postgraduate taught (PGT) years of instance in 2022-23                                                                    | 93        |
| preregistration_healthcare_profession_x (HESHEALTHPROF1, HESHEALTHPROF2) | Identifies which pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health profession the student is recorded against                   | 57, 60    |
| preregistration_healthcare_proportion_x (HESHEALTHPROP1, HESHEALTHPROP2) | The proportion of the student's activity that is allocated to each pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health profession | 96, 97    |
| previous_year_prepflag (PREPFLAGPYR)                                     | Previous year preparatory course flag                                                                                               | 44        |
| previous_year_scs_end_date (SCSENDDATEPYR)                               | Previous year SCS end date                                                                                                          | 43        |

| Name                                                                                 | Description                                                                                                | Paragraph |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| previous_year_scs_start_date (SCSSTARTDATEPYR)                                       | Previous year SCS start date                                                                               | 42        |
| previous_year_yearprg (YEARPRGPYR)                                                   | Previous year programme type                                                                               | 45        |
| price_group_x_proportion (HESPRGA, HESPRGB, HESPRGC11, HESPRGC12, HESPRGC2, HESPRGD) | Proportion of activity in each price group                                                                 | 81        |
| registering_ukprn                                                                    | UKPRN of the provider where the student is registered                                                      | 65        |
| STATUSCHANGEDTO1-3                                                                   | Status change in SCS identifiers                                                                           | 37        |
| STATUSVALIDFROM1-3                                                                   | Date status change is valid from                                                                           | 37        |
| STUACCID1-3                                                                          | Specific accreditation identifiers                                                                         | 35        |
| STUDYLOCID1-3                                                                        | Study location identifiers                                                                                 | 38        |
| STUINITID1-3 <sup>‡</sup>                                                            | Student scheme initiative identifiers                                                                      | 35        |
| teaching_provider_registration_status                                                | OfS registration status of the provider where the student is taught for the majority of this academic year | 68        |
| teaching_ukprn                                                                       | UKPRN of the provider where the student is taught for the majority of this academic year                   | 66        |
| ug_previous_year_2_count (HESUGPYR2)                                                 | Number of undergraduate (UG) years of instance in 2021-22                                                  | 90        |
| ug_previous_year_count (HESUGPYR)                                                    | Number of UG years of instance in 2022-23                                                                  | 91        |
| year_of_engagement_record_number (HESYOENUM)                                         | Year of engagement identifier                                                                              | 51        |
| year_of_foundation_year (HESYRZERO)                                                  | The year in which a student last took a foundation year                                                    | 77        |

<sup>‡</sup> These fields are not shown in the data checking tool individualised files as they are not necessary for rebuilding data checking tool outputs.

## **Fields in entities in which the maximum occurrences is unbounded**

31. A particular SCS may have some fields returned for it that belong to entities where the maximum occurrences of that entity is unbounded. Where this happens, all occurrences of the entity will be used in our algorithms, but due to file size restrictions we only show three occurrences of the entity in the individualised file.

### **Course initiative entity: COURSEINITIDX**

32. These fields indicate if a specific scheme is associated with the course, where X denotes the Course initiative entity. For example, COURSEINITID2 is the initiative identifier field (COURSEINITIATIVEID) from the second Course initiative entity. We only use COURSEINITIATIVEIDs that are valid during at least part of this SCS, i.e. where the COURSEINITVALIDFROM and COURSEINITVALIDTO dates overlap with at least part of this SCS, and the three shown are those with the three most recent values of COURSEINITVALIDTO. Where more than one COURSEINITIATIVEID has the same COURSEINITVALIDTO date, we display the values with the earliest COURSEINITVALIDFROM dates. Where more than one COURSEINITIATIVEID has the same COURSEINITVALIDFROM date, we display those with the lowest values of COURSEINITIATIVEID.

### **Curriculum accreditation entity: CURACCIDX**

33. These fields indicate if a specific accreditation type is associated with the course, where X denotes the Curriculum accreditation entity. For example, CURACCID2 is the accreditation identifier field (CURACCID) from the second Curriculum accreditation entity. We only use CURACCIDs that are valid during at least part of this SCS, i.e. where the CURACCVALIDFROM and CURACCVALIDTO dates overlap with at least part of this SCS, and the three shown are those with the three most recent values of CURACCVALIDTO. Where more than one CURACCID has the same CURACCVALIDTO date, we display the values with the earliest CURACCVALIDFROM dates. Where more than one CURACCID has the same CURACCVALIDFROM date, we display those with the lowest values of CURACCID.

### **Student accreditation entity: STUACCIDX**

34. These fields indicate if a specific accreditation type is associated with the student, where X denotes the Student accreditation aim entity. For example, STUACCID2 is the accreditation identifier field (STUACCID) from the second Student accreditation aim entity. The three shown are those with the three lowest values of STUACCID.

### **Student initiative entity: STUINITIDX**

35. These fields indicate if a specific scheme is associated with the student, where X denotes the Student initiative entity. For example, STUINITID2 is the initiative identifier field (STUINITID) from the second Student initiative entity. The three shown are those with the three lowest values of STUINITID.

### **Funding body entity: FUNDINGBODYX**

36. These fields indicate the funding body for this SCS, where X denotes the Funding body entity. For example, FUNDINGBODY2 is the funding body field (FUNDINGBODY) from the second Funding body entity. The three shown are those with the three lowest values of FUNDINGBODY.

### **Session status entity: STATUSCHANGEDTOX, STATUSVALIDFROMX**

37. These fields indicate the status the student has moved to in this SCS and the date which this status is valid from, where X denotes the Session status entity. For example, STATUSCHANGEDTO2 is the status changed to field (STATUSCHANGEDTO) from the second Session status entity. The three shown are those with the three most recent values of STATUSVALIDFROM.

### **Study location entity: STUDYLOCIDX, DISTANCEX**

38. These fields indicate if the student is distance learning for at least part of this SCS, where X denotes the Study location entity. For example, DISTANCE2 is the distance learning field (DISTANCE) from the second Study location entity. The three shown are those with the three largest values of STUDYPROPORTION.

## **Linking between years**

39. We have linked the 2025-26 data to earlier years' data using UKPRN, SID and NUMHUS. This is to help account for definitional differences between the student record and HESES data.

40. The data from earlier years will be used to help determine the SCS to be counted for some students where there are multiple SCSs starting during 2025-26 (or had multiple SCSs in 2024-25 data that started in 2024-25) and for students on medical or dental programmes that have taken a foundation year.

41. We have also linked 2025-26 data to 2024-25 and 2023-24 data using the fields UKPRN and SID, for the purpose of deriving is\_funding\_entrant.

### **previous\_year\_scs\_start\_date (SCSSTARTDATEPYR)**

42. This field contains the start date of the SCS for 2024-25 (2024-25 SCSSTARTDATE). It is only populated where had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1. Where multiple SCSs in 2024-25 satisfy the criteria for had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1, the SCS with the most recent SCSSTARTDATE is used to populate this field.

### **previous\_year\_scs\_end\_date (SCSENDDATEPYR)**

43. This field contains the end date of the SCS for 2024-25 (2024-25 SCSENDDATE). It is only populated where had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1. Where multiple SCSs in 2024-25 satisfy the criteria for had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1, the SCS with the most recent SCSSTARTDATE is used to populate this field.

### **previous\_year\_prepflag (PREPFLAGPYR)**

44. This field contains the preparatory student course session flag of the SCS for 2024-25 (2024-25 PREPFLAG). It is only populated where had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1. Where multiple SCSs in 2024-25 satisfy the criteria for had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1, the SCS with the most recent SCSSTARTDATE is used to populate this field.

### **previous\_year\_yearprg (YEARPRGPYR)**

45. This field contains the programme year of the SCS for 2024-25 (2024-25 YEARPRG). It is only populated where had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1. Where multiple SCSs in 2024-25 satisfy the

criteria for had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year = 1, the SCS with the most recent SCSSTARTDATE is used to populate this field.

### **had\_scs\_in\_previous\_year (HESSCSPYR)**

46. This field indicates that an SCS existed for this engagement in the 2024-25 HESA Student data where the SCS started and ended in the 2024-25 reporting period.

| Value | Description                                                                                       | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | An SCS for this engagement started and ended in 2024-25 and belonged to a previous programme year | At least one SCS existed in 2024-25 for this combination of SID and NUMHUS where previous_year_scs_start_date > 1 August 2024 and previous_year_scs_end_date < 31 July 2025 and previous_year_prepflag = BLANK and previous_year_yearprg > 0 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                         | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## **Student course session and engagement derived fields**

47. Where a derived field applies to the engagement as a whole, the value of the derived field will be repeated across each SCS.

### **funding\_scs\_number (HESSCSNUM)**

48. The value of funding\_scs\_number indicates the ranking of the SCS (as described in paragraphs 27-28 above) within a given year of engagement, with the first ranked SCS having a value of 1. The data associated with the first ranked SCS is used to define the year of engagement in the HESES25 population.

### **is\_distance\_learner\_scs (HESDISTANCE)**

49. This field indicates if the student is distance learning for at least part of this SCS.

| Value | Description                                                | Definition                               |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Student is distance learning for at least part of this SCS | At least one value of DISTANCEX = 01, 02 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                  | Otherwise                                |

### **engagement\_start\_date\_funding (HESENGSTARTDATE)**

50. This field contains the engagement's start date (ENGSTARTDATE) unless the engagement began with a foundation degree bridging course and is now in the main course.

| Value                                                                                                                         | Description                                                                             | Definition                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SCSSTARTDATE of the first SCS that starts after the SCSENDDATE of the SCS where PREPFLAG = 01 and ENGSTARTDATE = SCSSTARTDATE | Engagement began with a foundation degree bridging course and is now in the main course | PREPFLAG = BLANK and another SCS exists for this combination of SID and NUMHUS where PREPFLAG = 01 and ENGSTARTDATE = SCSSTARTDATE |
| ENGSTARTDATE                                                                                                                  | Otherwise                                                                               | Otherwise                                                                                                                          |

### **year\_of\_engagement\_record\_number (HESYOENUM)**

51. This field uniquely identifies years of engagement when used in conjunction with UKPRN, SID and NUMHUS, and assigns SCSs to the appropriate year of engagement. These records are distinguished using year\_of\_engagement\_record\_number.

| Value | Description                                                               | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2     | This SCS belongs to second countable year of engagement                   | Provider-specific override                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 0     | Activity for this SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement | Another SCS exists in 2025-26 with an earlier SCSSTARTDATE (which is on or after 1 August 2025) and YEARPRG > 0 and YEARPRG of this earlier SCS is less than the YEARPRG of the SCS considered here and not above |
| 1     | This SCS belongs to first countable year of engagement                    | SCSSTARTDATE < 1 August 2025 and had_scs_in_previous_year = 1 and previous_year_yearprg < YEARPRG and not above                                                                                                   |
| 0     | Activity for this SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement | SCSSTARTDATE < 1 August 2025 and not above                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1     | This SCS belongs to first countable year of engagement                    | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### **expected\_course\_length\_funding (HESCRSELGTH)**

52. This field contains the expected length of the course in whole numbers of years, calculated from the difference between engagement\_start\_date\_funding and Z\_EXPECTOEND. Expected course lengths that contain a fraction of a year that exceeds two weeks are rounded up to the next whole year. Otherwise, the value is rounded down to the nearest whole number of years, except where the expected course length is less than one year – such expected course lengths will be rounded up to one year. For example, an expected length of course that is one year and three weeks will be rounded up to two years. An expected length of course that is one year and one week will be rounded down to one year. Where Z\_EXPECTOEND is not calculated, expected\_course\_length\_funding is set to 6.

### **average\_expected\_course\_length\_funding (HESAVRGCRSELGTH)**

53. This field shows the average expected\_course\_length\_funding for this particular combination of UKPRN, COURSEID and had\_foundation\_year. It is rounded to the nearest whole number.

### **funding\_mode\_of\_study (HESMODE)**

54. This field allocates students to a mode of study for this SCS.

| Value | Description       | Definition                                                          |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SWOUT | Sandwich year out | SCSMODE = 01, 02, 03 and<br>PREPFLAG ≠ 01 and<br>PLACEMENT = 01, 02 |
| FTS   | Full-time         | SCSMODE = 01, 03 and<br>PREPFLAG ≠ 01<br>and not above              |
| PT    | Part-time         | Otherwise                                                           |

### **is\_pg\_loan\_eligible (HESPGLOANELIGIBILITY)**

55. This field identifies if the course related to this SCS is eligible for a postgraduate loan.

| Value | Description                                                    | Definition                                                                             |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Course related to this SCS is eligible for a postgraduate loan | At least one value of COURSEINITIDX = 005 or<br>at least one value of STUINITIDX = 005 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                      | Otherwise                                                                              |

### **is\_riba\_part\_2 (HESACCREDARCTWO)**

56. This field identifies if the course related to this SCS is prescribed by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) at Part 2 level for the purpose of registration in the UK.

| Value | Description                                                                                                   | Definition                              |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1     | Course related to this SCS is prescribed by the ARB at Part 2 level for the purpose of registration in the UK | At least one value of CURACCIDX = 00103 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                                     | Otherwise                               |

### **preregistration\_healthcare\_profession\_1 (HESHEALTHPROF1)**

57. This field identifies the profession of a nursing, midwifery and allied health course. Where there is more than one profession, the other profession is identified in preregistration\_healthcare\_profession\_2.

58. The CURACCIDXs for this SCS (including those not shown in the individualised file) are filtered to values 05808, 05809, 06903, 06904, 06906, 06907, 06908, 06910, 06912, 06915, 06917, 06918, 11102, 11103, 11104, 11105, 11106, 11108 and then sorted into ascending order. The first listed CURACCIDX for this SCS is used to calculate preregistration\_healthcare\_profession\_1.

59. Similarly, the STUACCIDXs for this SCS (including those not shown in the individualised file) are filtered to values 11102, 11103, 11104, 11105, 11108 and then sorted into ascending

order. The first listed STUACCIDX for this SCS is used to calculate `preregistration_healthcare_profession_1`.

| Value  | Description                   | Definition                                                                                                         |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DENTHE | Dental therapy                | First listed CURACCIDX = 05808                                                                                     |
| DENHYG | Dental hygiene                | First listed CURACCIDX = 05809                                                                                     |
| DIETET | Dietetics                     | First listed CURACCIDX = 06904                                                                                     |
| NURSAD | Nursing - adult               | First listed CURACCIDX = 11102 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and first listed STUACCIDX = 11102 for this SCS) |
| NURSCH | Nursing - children            | First listed CURACCIDX = 11105 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and first listed STUACCIDX = 11105 for this SCS) |
| NURSLD | Nursing - learning disability | First listed CURACCIDX = 11104 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and first listed STUACCIDX = 11104 for this SCS) |
| NURSMH | Nursing - mental health       | First listed CURACCIDX = 11103 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and first listed STUACCIDX = 11103 for this SCS) |
| NURSUN | Nursing - unclassified        | First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and not above                                                                       |
| MIDWIF | Midwifery                     | First listed CURACCIDX = 11106                                                                                     |
| OCCTHE | Occupational therapy          | First listed CURACCIDX = 06906                                                                                     |
| OPDEPT | Operating department practice | First listed CURACCIDX = 06907                                                                                     |
| ORTHOP | Orthoptics                    | First listed CURACCIDX = 06908                                                                                     |
| ORTPRO | Orthotics and prosthetics     | First listed CURACCIDX = 06912                                                                                     |
| PHYSIO | Physiotherapy                 | First listed CURACCIDX = 06910                                                                                     |
| PODCHI | Podiatry                      | First listed CURACCIDX = 06903                                                                                     |
| RADTHE | Radiography (therapeutic)     | First listed CURACCIDX = 06917                                                                                     |
| RADDIA | Radiography (diagnostic)      | First listed CURACCIDX = 06918                                                                                     |
| SPELAN | Speech and language therapy   | First listed CURACCIDX = 06915                                                                                     |
| BLANK  | Otherwise                     | Otherwise                                                                                                          |

### **preregistration\_healthcare\_profession\_2 (HESHEALTHPROF2)**

60. This field identifies the other profession of a nursing, midwifery and allied health course, where more than one profession exists.
61. Where a second CURACCIDX for this SCS is listed following the method in paragraph 58 and is in this list 05809, 11103, 11104, 11105 then `preregistration_healthcare_profession_2` is set as follows:

| Value  | Description                   | Definition                                                                                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DENHYG | Dental hygiene                | Second listed CURACCIDX = 05809                                                                                      |
| NURSCH | Nursing - children            | Second listed CURACCIDX = 11105 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and second listed STUACCIDX = 11105 for this SCS) |
| NURSLD | Nursing - learning disability | Second listed CURACCIDX = 11104 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and second listed STUACCIDX = 11104 for this SCS) |
| NURSMH | Nursing - mental health       | Second listed CURACCIDX = 11103 or (First listed CURACCIDX = 11108 and second listed STUACCIDX = 11103 for this SCS) |
| BLANK  | Otherwise                     | Otherwise                                                                                                            |

### **funding\_level\_of\_study (HESLEVEL)**

62. This field allocates students to a level of study for this SCS.

| Value   | Description                                                                     | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UG_45   | Undergraduate course at Level 4 or 5                                            | PREREQUISITE = 01 and<br>QUALCAT = C0000, C0001, C0002, C0003, C0004, C0005, C0006, C0007, C0009, I0002, I0004, I0005, I0006, I0007, I0008, I0009, I0010, I0013, J0000, J0001, J0002, J0003, J0004, J0005, J0006, J0007, J0010, J0012 and<br>PREPFLAG ≠ 01 |
| UG_OTH  | Other undergraduate course                                                      | PREREQUISITE = 01<br>and not above                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PGT_UGF | Postgraduate taught and eligible under the undergraduate student support regime | PREREQUISITE = 02 and<br>(NONREGFEE = BLANK or<br>preregistration_healthcare_profession_1 ≠ BLANK, DENTHE, DENHYG or<br>preregistration_healthcare_profession_2 ≠ BLANK, DENTHE, DENHYG)                                                                   |
| PGT_ML  | Postgraduate taught course eligible for masters' loans                          | PREREQUISITE = 02 and<br>is_pg_loan_eligible = 1 and<br>(QUALCAT = M0003, M0004, M0006, M0007 or<br>is_riba_part_2 = 1)<br>and not above                                                                                                                   |
| PGT_OTH | Postgraduate taught course that does not fall under the previous two categories | PREREQUISITE = 02<br>and not above                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PGR     | Postgraduate research                                                           | PREREQUISITE = 03                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### **funding\_broad\_level\_of\_study (HESBROADLEVEL)**

63. This field shows the broad level of study.

| Value | Description           | Definition                                        |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| UG    | Undergraduate         | funding_level_of_study = UG_45, UG_OTH            |
| PGT   | Postgraduate taught   | funding_level_of_study = PGT_UGF, PGT_ML, PGT_OTH |
| PGR   | Postgraduate research | funding_level_of_study = PGR                      |

### **funding\_domicile\_group (HESEC)**

64. This field indicates whether a student has a UK, Crown Dependencies, Ireland, EU, or other domicile.

| Value | Description                          | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UK    | UK-domiciled                         | PERMADDCOUNTRY = XF, XG, XH, XI, XK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CROWN | Crown Dependencies domiciled         | PERMADDCOUNTRY = GG, IM, JE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| IE    | Irish nationals domiciled in Ireland | PERMADDCOUNTRY = IE and NATION = IE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| OEU   | Other Home and EU domiciled          | PERMADDCOUNTRY = AI, AN, AT, AW, AX, BE, BG, BL, BM, BQ, CH, CW, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, EU, FI, FK, FO, FR, GF, GI, GL, GP, GR, GS, HR, HU, IC, IE, IS, IT, KY, LI, LT, LU, LV, MF, MQ, MS, MT, NC, NL, NO, PF, PL, PM, PN, PT, RE, RO, SE, SH, SI, SK, SX, TC, VG, WF, XA, YT and not above |
| OTHER | Otherwise                            | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### **registering\_ukprn**

65. This field shows the UKPRN of the provider where the student is registered in the academic year. The registering\_ukprn value will take into account whether a provider was involved in a merger.

### **teaching\_ukprn**

66. This field shows the UKPRN of the provider where the student is taught for the majority of this academic year.

67. For a full definition of this field, please refer to 'Technical algorithms for student outcome and experience measures', available on the OfS website ([Documents describing our measures and definitions](#)).

### **teaching\_provider\_registration\_status**

68. This field indicates if the provider where the student is taught for the majority of this academic year is registered with the OfS.

| Value | Description                                        |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| A2    | In the Approved (fee cap) category of registration |
| U1    | Never registered with the OfS                      |
| A1    | In the Approved category of registration           |
| D1    | No longer registered with the OfS                  |

### **fundability\_status (HESTYPE)**

69. This field allocates students to the three categories of fundability and residential status.

| Value  | Description           | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOMEF  | Home fee OfS-fundable | At least one value of FUNDINGBODYX = 5016 and funding_level_of_study ≠ PGR and (registering_ukprn = teaching_ukprn or teaching_provider_registration_status = A2 or teaching_ukprn = 90000451, 99999999, 99999998, 99999997, 10007856) |
| HOMENF | Home fee non-fundable | (FEEELIG = 01 or (FEEELIG = 03 and (funding_domicile_group = UK, IE or (funding_domicile_group = CROWN and is_distance_learner_scs = 0) or (funding_domicile_group = OEU and ENGSTARTDATE < 1 August 2021)))) and not above            |
| ISOV   | Overseas              | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### **Student course session exclusions**

70. Each SCS is assessed to determine whether it is included in the HESES25 population. The following derived fields explain the reasons for a SCS being excluded.

#### **funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_1 (HESSCSEXCL1)**

71. Field indicating that a qualification aim of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) or qualified teacher status (QTS) only, or visiting students, is associated with the SCS.

| Value | Description                                                                   | Definition                                                                                          |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | NVQ or QTS only or visiting student qualification aim associated with the SCS | QUALCAT = C0004, E0001, H0008, H0020, I0005, I0007, I0013, J0006, J0007, L0003, M0011, M0013, M0024 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                     | Otherwise                                                                                           |

#### **funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_2 (HESSCSEXCL2)**

72. Field indicating student is dormant, intercalating or writing up for the entirety of the SCS.

| Value | Description                                      | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Student who is dormant or writing up for the SCS | RPSTULOAD = 0 or<br>RPSTULOAD = BLANK or<br>(STATUSCHANGEDTO1 = 04 and<br>STATUSVALIDFROM1 ≤ SCSSTARTDATE and<br>STATUSCHANGEDTO2 = BLANK) or<br>(STATUSCHANGEDTO1 ≠ 01 and<br>STATUSCHANGEDTO2 = 02, 03, 04 and<br>STATUSVALIDFROM2 ≤ SCSSTARTDATE) or<br>(STATUSCHANGEDTO1 ≠ 01 and<br>STATUSCHANGEDTO2 ≠ 01 and<br>STATUSCHANGEDTO3 = 02, 03, 04 and<br>STATUSVALIDFROM3 ≤ SCSSTARTDATE) or<br>(PREPFLAG = 01 and<br>SCSENDDATE = BLANK) |
| 0     | Otherwise                                        | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

#### **funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_4 (HESSCSEXCL4)**

73. Activity for the SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement.

| Value | Description                                                               | Definition                           |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1     | Activity for this SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement | year_of_engagement_record_number = 0 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                 | Otherwise                            |

#### **funding\_scs\_exclusion (HESSCSEXCL)**

74. This field indicates whether the SCS is included in the HESES25 population. For SCSs excluded from the population, funding\_scs\_exclusion contains the sum of all applicable values from the table below.

| Value | Description                                                                   | Definition                         |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1     | NVQ or QTS only or visiting student qualification aim associated with the SCS | funding_scs_exclusion_reason_1 = 1 |
| 2     | Student who is dormant or writing up for the SCS                              | funding_scs_exclusion_reason_2 = 1 |
| 4     | Activity for the SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement      | funding_scs_exclusion_reason_4 = 1 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                     | None of the above                  |

75. This field contains the exclusion reason(s) for the SCS. It is calculated as  $(1 \times \text{funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_1}) + (2 \times \text{funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_2}) + (4 \times \text{funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_4})$ . The reason(s) which contribute to the exclusion of an SCS can therefore be calculated. For example, if funding\_scs\_exclusion = 6, by subtracting figures from the above table and starting at the bottom, we see that activity for the SCS does not fall within the 2025-26 year of engagement (funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_4 = 1) and the student is dormant or writing up for the SCS (funding\_scs\_exclusion\_reason\_2 = 1).

## Calculation of price groups

### medical\_dental\_vet\_student (HESMDV)

76. This field identifies pre-clinical and clinical medicine, dentistry and veterinary science students by seeing if the course related to this SCS is a primary medical qualification which entitles the holder to apply to the GMC for registration to practise medicine in the UK, enables eligibility for registration with the GDC as a dentist or enables eligibility for registration with the RCVS as a veterinary surgeon.

| Value | Description                                         | Definition                              |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| MED   | Pre-clinical or clinical medicine student           | At least one value of CURACCIDX = 05901 |
| DEN   | Pre-clinical or clinical dentistry student          | At least one value of CURACCIDX = 05803 |
| VET   | Pre-clinical or clinical veterinary science student | At least one value of CURACCIDX = 12001 |
| OTH   | Otherwise                                           | Otherwise                               |

### year\_of\_foundation\_year (HESYZERO)

77. This field indicates the year in which a student last took a foundation year (YEARPRG = 0) as part of this engagement. For students who have not taken a foundation year, this field is blank. We have linked back to 2009-10 HESA Student data.

### had\_foundation\_year (HESYZEROADJ)

78. This field indicates whether the student took a foundation year (YEARPRG = 0) as part of this engagement since 2009-10.

| Value | Description                                 | Definition                                                            |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Foundation year taken as part of engagement | year_of_foundation_year ≠ BLANK or (YEARPRG = 0 and PREPFLAG = BLANK) |
| 0     | Otherwise                                   | Otherwise                                                             |

### medical\_dental\_vet\_price\_group\_a (HESCLIN)

79. This field identifies clinical medicine, dentistry and veterinary science students who are assigned to price group A.

| Value | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Activity assigned to price group A for students on a first registrable medical qualification, first registrable dental qualification or course which leads to eligibility to register to practise as a veterinary surgeon | (medical_dental_vet_student = MED and (average_expected_course_length_funding – YEARPRG – had_foundation_year) = 0, 1, 2) or (medical_dental_vet_student = DEN and (average_expected_course_length_funding – YEARPRG – had_foundation_year) = 0, 1, 2, 3) or (medical_dental_vet_student = VET and (average_expected_course_length_funding – YEARPRG – had_foundation_year) = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) |

| Value | Description                                                                   | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2     | Postgraduate clinical medicine or dentistry student assigned to price group A | medical_dental_vet_student = OTH and<br>funding_level_of_study = PGR, PGT_ML, PGT_OTH, PGT_UGF and<br>(QUALSUBJECT1 = 100266, 100267, 100494 or<br>QUALSUBJECT2 = 100266, 100267, 100494 or<br>QUALSUBJECT3 = 100266, 100267, 100494 or<br>QUALSUBJECT4 = 100266, 100267, 100494 or<br>QUALSUBJECT5 = 100266, 100267, 100494) |
| 3     | Postgraduate clinical veterinary science student assigned to price group A    | medical_dental_vet_student = OTH and<br>funding_level_of_study = PGR, PGT_ML, PGT_OTH, PGT_UGF and<br>(QUALSUBJECT1 = 100531, 101347 or<br>QUALSUBJECT2 = 100531, 101347 or<br>QUALSUBJECT3 = 100531, 101347 or<br>QUALSUBJECT4 = 100531, 101347 or<br>QUALSUBJECT5 = 100531, 101347)                                         |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                     | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### is\_social\_work\_student (HESACCREDSOCIAL)

80. This field identifies if the course related to this SCS is for social work that can be mapped to price group C2.

| Value | Description                                                                                                          | Definition                                                   |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Course related to this SCS is for social work that can be mapped to price group C2 (pre-registration or unspecified) | At least one value of CURACCIDX = 02202, 06921, 11001, 13001 |
| 2     | Course related to this SCS is for social work that can be mapped to price group C2 (post-registration)               | At least one value of CURACCIDX = 02203, 06922, 11110        |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                                            | Otherwise                                                    |

### price\_group\_x\_proportion (HESPRGX)

81. The proportion of activity in each price group. In some cases, the proportions for a qualification (QUALPROPORTION1-5) may not equal one. In these cases, we scale them so that their sum is one.

| Field name                | Definition                                                                                                                                | Value |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| price_group_c2_proportion | funding_mode_of_study = SWOUT                                                                                                             | 1     |
| price_group_a_proportion  | (medical_dental_vet_price_group_a = 1 and medical_dental_vet_student = MED, DEN) or<br>medical_dental_vet_price_group_a = 2 and not above | 1     |

| Field name                 | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Value                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| price_group_a_proportion   | (medical_dental_vet_price_group_a = 1 and medical_dental_vet_student = VET) or medical_dental_vet_price_group_a = 3 and not above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1                                                                                                                           |
| price_group_a_proportion   | preregistration_healthcare_profession_1 = DENHYG or<br>preregistration_healthcare_profession_2 = DENHYG or<br>(preregistration_healthcare_profession_1 = DENTHE and<br>funding_broad_level_of_study = UG) or<br>(preregistration_healthcare_profession_2 = DENTHE and<br>funding_broad_level_of_study = UG)<br>and not above                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                           |
| price_group_b_proportion   | preregistration_healthcare_profession_1 = DENTHE, DIETET, MIDWIF, OCCTHE, OPDEPT, ORTHOP, ORTPRO, PHYSIO, PODCHI, RADTHE, RADDIA, SPELAN or<br>preregistration_healthcare_profession_2 = DENTHE, DIETET, MIDWIF, OCCTHE, OPDEPT, ORTHOP, ORTPRO, PHYSIO, PODCHI, RADTHE, RADDIA, SPELAN<br>and not above                                                                                                                                                      | 1                                                                                                                           |
| price_group_c11_proportion | preregistration_healthcare_profession_1 = NURSUN, NURSAD, NURSCH, NURSLD, NURSMH or<br>preregistration_healthcare_profession_2 = NURSUN, NURSAD, NURSCH, NURSLD, NURSMH<br>and not above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1                                                                                                                           |
| price_group_c2_proportion  | is_social_work_student = 1, 2<br>and not above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1                                                                                                                           |
| price_group_c2_proportion  | TTCID = 01, 02, 06 or<br>(TTCID = 03 and QTS = 02)<br>and not above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                                                                           |
| price_group_b_proportion   | QUALSUBJECTX corresponds to price group B, as set out in the HESES25 mapping of HECOS codes to price groups at<br><a href="https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx">https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx</a> | Sum of<br>QUALPROPORTION1,<br>QUALPROPORTION2,<br>QUALPROPORTION3,<br>QUALPROPORTION4,<br>QUALPROPORTION5<br>divided by 100 |

| Field name                 | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Value                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| price_group_c11_proportion | QUALSUBJECTX corresponds to price group C1.1, as set out in the HESES25 mapping of HECoS codes to price groups at <a href="https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx">https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx</a> | Sum of QUALPROPORTION1, QUALPROPORTION2, QUALPROPORTION3, QUALPROPORTION4, QUALPROPORTION5 divided by 100 |
| price_group_c12_proportion | QUALSUBJECTX corresponds to price group C1.2, as set out in the HESES25 mapping of HECoS codes to price groups at <a href="https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx">https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx</a> | Sum of QUALPROPORTION1, QUALPROPORTION2, QUALPROPORTION3, QUALPROPORTION4, QUALPROPORTION5 divided by 100 |
| price_group_c13_proportion | QUALSUBJECTX corresponds to price group C1.3, as set out in the HESES25 mapping of HECoS codes to price groups at <a href="https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx">https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx</a> | Sum of QUALPROPORTION1, QUALPROPORTION2, QUALPROPORTION3, QUALPROPORTION4, QUALPROPORTION5 divided by 100 |
| price_group_c2_proportion  | QUALSUBJECTX corresponds to price group C2, as set out in the HESES25 mapping of HECoS codes to price groups at <a href="https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx">https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx</a>   | Sum of QUALPROPORTION1, QUALPROPORTION2, QUALPROPORTION3, QUALPROPORTION4, QUALPROPORTION5 divided by 100 |
| price_group_d_proportion   | QUALSUBJECTX corresponds to price group D, as set out in the HESES25 mapping of HECoS codes to price groups at <a href="https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx">https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/c44hnaiv/changes-to-2025-data-surveys-to-inform-funding-annex-b-mapping-of-hecos-to-cah-level-2-september-2025.xlsx</a>    | Sum of QUALPROPORTION1, QUALPROPORTION2, QUALPROPORTION3, QUALPROPORTION4, QUALPROPORTION5 divided by 100 |

## Engagement exclusions

82. The engagement is assessed to determine whether it is included in the HESES25 population. The following derived fields explain the reasons for an engagement being excluded.

### **funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_1 (HESENGEXCL1)**

83. Field indicating students who have left prior to the start of the academic year.

| Value | Description                         | Definition                                        |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Student not active in academic year | ENGENDDATE ≠ BLANK and ENGENDDATE < 1 August 2025 |
| 0     | Otherwise                           | Otherwise                                         |

### **funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_2 (HESENGEXCL2)**

84. Field indicating incoming exchange student for the engagement.

| Value | Description               | Definition                    |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | Incoming exchange student | INCOMINGEXCHANGE = 01, 02, 03 |
| 0     | Otherwise                 | Otherwise                     |

### **funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_4 (HESENGEXCL4)**

85. Field indicating students who withdrew before 2 December 2025 or within 14 days of starting the engagement.

| Value | Description                                                                              | Definition                                                                                                     |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Student who withdrew before 2 December 2025 or within 14 days of starting the engagement | ENGENDDATE ≠ BLANK and (ENGENDDATE < 2 December 2025 or ENGENDDATE – ENGSTARTDATE < 14) and RSNENGEND ≠ 01, 98 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                | Otherwise                                                                                                      |

### **funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_8 (HESENGEXCL8)**

86. Field indicating student is taught primarily outside of the UK for the engagement.

| Value | Description                                             | Definition       |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1     | Student taught mostly outside the UK for the engagement | ENGPRINONUK = 01 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                               | Otherwise        |

### **funding\_engagement\_exclusion (HESENGEXCL)**

87. This field indicates whether the engagement is included in the HESES25 population. For engagements excluded from the population, funding\_engagement\_exclusion contains the sum of all applicable values from the table below.

| Value | Description                         | Definition                                |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Student not active in academic year | funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_1 = 1 |

| Value | Description                                                                              | Definition                                |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2     | Incoming exchange student                                                                | funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_2 = 1 |
| 4     | Student who withdrew before 2 December 2025 or within 14 days of starting the engagement | funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_4 = 1 |
| 8     | Student taught primarily outside of the UK for the engagement                            | funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_8 = 1 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                | None of the above                         |

88. This field contains the exclusion reason(s) for the engagement. It is calculated as  $(1 \times \text{funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_1}) + (2 \times \text{funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_2}) + \dots + (8 \times \text{funding\_engagement\_exclusion\_reason\_8})$ . The reason(s) which contribute to the exclusion of an engagement can therefore be calculated. For example, if `funding_engagement_exclusion` = 6, by subtracting figures from the above table and starting at the bottom, we see that the student withdrew before 2 December 2025 or within 14 days of starting the engagement (`funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_4` = 1) and the student is an incoming exchange student (`funding_engagement_exclusion_reason_2` = 1).

## Overall exclusions

### funding\_exclusion (HESEXCL)

89. This field is calculated for each SCS and shows the overall inclusion or exclusion of this SCS.

| Value | Description                                                                                                                     | Definition                                                     |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0     | Both the SCS and the engagement to which it belongs are in the HESES25 population                                               | funding_scs_exclusion = 0 and funding_engagement_exclusion = 0 |
| 1     | The SCS is not included in the HESES25 population, but the engagement to which it belongs is in the HESES25 population          | funding_scs_exclusion ≠ 0 and funding_engagement_exclusion = 0 |
| 2     | The SCS is included in the HESES25 population, but the engagement to which it belongs is not included in the HESES25 population | funding_scs_exclusion = 0 and funding_engagement_exclusion ≠ 0 |
| 4     | Neither the SCS nor the engagement to which it belongs is included in the HESES25 population                                    | funding_scs_exclusion ≠ 0 and funding_engagement_exclusion ≠ 0 |

## Calculation of new entrant flag

### ug\_previous\_year\_2\_count (HESUGPYR2)

90. This field indicates how many undergraduate taught years of engagement for a higher education course recognised for OfS funding purposes were associated with the UKPRN and SID in the 2023-24 HESA Student record (`funding_level_of_study` in 2023-24 = UG\_45, UG\_OTH and `funding_exclusion` in 2023-24 = 0). This field will be blank if no HESA Student data is available for the provider in 2023-24.

### **ug\_previous\_year\_count (HESUGPYR)**

91. This field indicates how many undergraduate taught years of engagement for a higher education course recognised for OfS funding purposes were associated with the UKPRN and SID in the 2024-25 HESA Student record (funding\_level\_of\_study in 2024-25 = UG\_45, UG\_OTH and funding\_exclusion in 2024-25 = 0). This field will be blank if no HESA Student data is available for the provider in 2024-25.

### **pgt\_previous\_year\_2\_count (HESPGTPYR2)**

92. This field indicates how many postgraduate taught years of engagement for a higher education course recognised for OfS funding purposes were associated with the UKPRN and SID in the 2023-24 HESA Student record (funding\_level\_of\_study in 2023-24 = PGT\_ML, PGT\_OTH, PGT\_UGF and funding\_exclusion in 2023-24 = 0). This field will be blank if no HESA Student data is available for the provider in 2023-24.

### **pgt\_previous\_year\_count (HESPGTPYR)**

93. This field indicates how many postgraduate taught years of engagement for a higher education course recognised for OfS funding purposes were associated with the UKPRN and SID in the 2024-25 HESA Student record (funding\_level\_of\_study in 2024-25 = PGT\_ML, PGT\_OTH, PGT\_UGF and funding\_exclusion in 2024-25 = 0). This field will be blank if no HESA Student data is available for the provider in 2024-25.

### **is\_funding\_entrant (HESNEWENTRANT)**

94. This field indicates whether the student is a new entrant.

| Value | Description                                                                                                                                   | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Has not been active at the same broad level at the registering provider in either of the two previous academic years, linked by UKPRN and SID | engagement_start_date_funding > 31 July 2025 and funding_exclusion = 0 and ((funding_broad_level_of_study = UG and ug_previous_year_2_count = 0, BLANK and ug_previous_year_count = 0, BLANK) or (funding_broad_level_of_study = PGT and pgt_previous_year_2_count = 0, BLANK and pgt_previous_year_count = 0, BLANK)) |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                                                                     | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

95. Where a student starts more than one engagement at the same broad level in the same academic year and could be considered as a new entrant for each engagement they will be recorded as a new entrant for only one. If one such engagement has an earlier start date than the others the student will be recorded as a new entrant for that engagement.

## Nursing, midwifery and allied health (NMAH) re-creation algorithms

### preregistration\_healthcare\_proportion\_1 (HESHEALTHPROP1)

96. This field shows the proportion of the student's activity that is allocated to the health proportion shown in preregistration\_healthcare\_proportion\_1.

| Value | Definition                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | (preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1 ≠ BLANK and preregistration_healthcare_proportion_2 = BLANK) or preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1 = DENTHE |
| 0.5   | preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1 ≠ BLANK and preregistration_healthcare_proportion_2 ≠ BLANK, DENTHE and not above                                 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                 |

### preregistration\_healthcare\_proportion\_2 (HESHEALTHPROP2)

97. This field shows the proportion of the student's activity that is allocated to the health proportion shown in preregistration\_healthcare\_proportion\_2.

| Value | Definition                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | (preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1 = BLANK and preregistration_healthcare_proportion_2 ≠ BLANK) or preregistration_healthcare_proportion_2 = DENTHE |
| 0.5   | preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1 ≠ BLANK, DENTHE and preregistration_healthcare_proportion_2 ≠ BLANK and not above                                 |
| 0     | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                 |

### health\_course\_start\_year\_funding (HESHEALTHYEAR)

98. This field identifies whether the student started their course in 2025-26 or another academic year.

| Value   | Description                                  | Definition                                   |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 2025-26 | Student started in the 2025-26 academic year | engagement_start_date_funding > 31 July 2025 |
| OTHER   | Otherwise                                    | Otherwise                                    |

### in\_funding\_health\_population (HESHEALTHPOP)

99. This field identifies students that will be included in the NMAH allocation. The population is defined in the HES25 guidance (Annex J, paragraph 1).

| Value | Description                     | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Included in the NMAH allocation | funding_exclusion = 0 and<br>(UKPRN ≠ 10007773 or<br>(UKPRN = 10007773 and PERMADDCOUNTRY ≠ XG, XH, XI)) and<br>QUALCAT = H0003, H0004, H0005, H0010, I0001, J0002, M0002, M0003, M0006, M0015, M0021 and<br>funding_broad_level_of_study = UG, PGT and<br>fundability_status = HOMEF, HOMENF and<br>(preregistration_healthcare_profession_1 ≠ BLANK or<br>preregistration_healthcare_profession_2 ≠ BLANK) |
| 0     | Otherwise                       | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Overrides

### funding\_override\_fields\_flag (HESOVER)

100. This field indicates the primary derived field(s) that have been overridden for the student. For example, if funding\_override\_fields\_flag = 74, by subtracting figures from the following table starting at the bottom, we see that the student has had overrides for year\_of\_engagement\_record\_number (funding\_override\_fields\_flag = 64), fundability\_status (funding\_override\_fields\_flag = 8) and funding\_level\_of\_study (funding\_override\_fields\_flag = 2) applied.

| Value | Description                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Override to funding_exclusion                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2     | Override to funding_level_of_study                                                                                                                                            |
| 4     | Override to funding_mode_of_study                                                                                                                                             |
| 8     | Override to fundability_status                                                                                                                                                |
| 16    | Override to price_group_x_proportion for students on foundation degrees for teaching assistants (awarded as an additional student number bid, or otherwise agreed by the OfS) |
| 32    | Other overrides to price_group_x_proportion                                                                                                                                   |
| 64    | Override to year_of_engagement_record_number                                                                                                                                  |
| 128   | Override to preregistration_healthcare_proportion_1/2                                                                                                                         |
| 256   | Override to in_funding_health_population                                                                                                                                      |
| 512   | Override to preregistration_healthcare_profession_1/2                                                                                                                         |
| 1024  | Override to health_course_start_year_funding                                                                                                                                  |



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