



Department  
for Education

## Education Data Division - request for change form for CBDS

### RFC 1171

### Ethnicity codeset

#### Type of change

Codeset update

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#### Date RFC raised

31/03/2021

#### Date change required

In systems for 2021 to 2022 academic year

#### Priority

[3]

#### Priority ratings

**1 = Top** - Ministerial or legislative requirement

**2 = High** - Senior official customer requirement or clear net benefit / efficiency saving to Data Operations, department or MIS suppliers

**3 = Medium** - Customer requirement, marginal net benefit

**4 = Low** - Nice to have, net cost, does not affect functionality, cosmetic change

## Section 1 – details of change

### Data item / rule number

CS080

### Description of change

To include an additional extended code of White Northern Irish, within the main code of White British.

WNIR	White – Northern Irish	WBRI
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### Reason for change (including benefits)

The Department work closely with the Office for National statistics (ONS) and are taking necessary steps to ensure that the DfE codelist is in line with the cross Government [ethnicity harmonised standard](#) and question design.

When reviewing question design for the 2021 national census, it was identified that there is no specific DfE code / option for White - Northern Irish within the main category of White British (WBRI).

Data collections that use the extended codes should be updated to allow this code, which would be aggregated to White British for publications.

### Impact of not doing the change

DfE ethnicity codes would be out of sync with other Government departments and the question design as detailed in the ethnicity harmonised standard.

### Impact assessment to be undertaken by

School census working group

Early years census working group

School Workforce working group

Alternative provision working group

SEN2 working group

CTF working group

Software suppliers

### Date consulted

31/03/2021

### Response requested by

16/04/2021

## **Section 2 – impact analysis**

### **Software suppliers' summary of impact assessment**

Software suppliers were supportive of this change and implementation date.

### **DfE internal colleagues' summary of impact assessment**

Colleagues agreed to support this new extended codes in data collection.

### **Date**

16/04/2021

## **Section 3 - outcome / decision**

### **Date of review meeting**

22/04/2021

### **Brief Summary of Discussion**

Reviewed feedback received against the proposal. Agreed to proceed.

### **Accept / Reject**

Accept

Codeset CS080 updated

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