BULK DATA TRANSFER (BDT) FUNCTION

DATA VALUES FOR CAS FIELDS

Version 16

Introduction

This document sets out the ranges of data values to be used in Bulk Data Transfer (BDT) CAS upload files

CAS REFERENCE DATA VALUES

<u>AcademicLevel</u>

The data for this field was updated in September 2017 to retain the QCF_NQF codes, but to display the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) values instead of QCF/NQF. The RQF academic levels are directly equivalent to the QCF/NQF levels. In October 2019 the RQF3-8 codes were added, to allow BDT users to distinguish between the old QCF/NQF academic levels and RQF levels in their own systems.

It was subsequently updated in July 2023 to add additional values to denote postgraduate courses that are designated as research programmes.

The QCF_NQF3-8 codes will be removed in due course.

Display text	BDT Code
RQF level 3	QCF_NQF3
RQF level 4	QCF_NQF4
RQF level 5	QCF_NQF5
RQF level 6	QCF_NQF6
RQF level 7	QCF_NQF7
RQF level 7 - Research	QCF_NQF7_RE
RQF level 8	QCF_NQF8
RQF level 8 - Research	QCF_NQF8_RE
RQF level 3	RQF3
RQF level 4	RQF4
RQF level 5	RQF5
RQF level 6	RQF6
RQF level 7	RQF7
RQF level 7 - Research	RQF7_RE
RQF level 8	RQF8
RQF level 8 - Research	RQF8_RE
RQF level 8 - DES	QCF_NQF8DES
SCQF level 6	SCQF6
SCQF level 7	SCQF7
SCQF level 8	SCQF8
SCQF level 9	SCQF9
SCQF level 10	SCQF10
SCQF level 11	SCQF11
SCQF level 11 - Research	SCQF11_RE
SCQF level 12	SCQF12

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Display text	BDT Code
SCQF level 12 - Research	SCQF12_RE
SCQF level 12 - DES	SCQF12DES
CEFR A2	A2
CEFR B1	B1
CEFR B2	B2
CEFR C1	C1
CEFR C2	C2

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SELTRequired

This field is mandatory. If a value of 'true' is used, the 'EnglishLanguageLevelAttained' and 'TestProvider' fields become mandatory.

Alternatively, if a value of 'false' is used, the 'ReasonSELTNotRequired' field becomes mandatory.

BDT Code
true
false

ReasonSELTNotRequired

This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'false' is used in the 'SELTRequired' field.

Display text	BDT Code
Higher Education Institution (HEI) sponsor has made assessment	HEI
Migrant to apply as Gifted student	GIFTED
Migrant holds GCSE, A-level, or Scottish Higher qualification in English studied in the UK whilst under 18	T4SWITCH
Migrant from majority English speaking country	ENG_COUNTRY
Migrant holds degree from majority English speaking country	ENG_DEGREE
Study abroad programme as part of USA HEI degree	USA_HEI
Migrant has met required English level in a previous successful visa application	ENG_VISA

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EnglishLanguageLevelAttained

This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'true' is used in the 'SELTRequired' field.

Display text	BDT Code
CEFR level A2	A2
CEFR level B1	B1
CEFR level B2	B2
CEFR level C1	C1
CEFR level C2	C2

SELTSpeakingLevel SELTListeningLevel SELTReadingLevel SELTWritingLevel

These free text fields are optional, but users are advised to enter the relevant English language test scores in these fields or in the 'DocumentsUsedToObtainOffer' field, as the information is required.

For information on the specific values to enter in these fields, please refer to the list of approved English language tests and providers on the GOV.UK website, at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visaapprovedenglish-language-tests

TestProvider

This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'true' is used in the 'SELTRequired' field.

Display text	BDT Code
IELTS SELT Consortium	IELTS
LanguageCert	LANGCRT
Pearson	PEARSON
PSI	PSI
Trinity College London (UK tests only)	TCLUK

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PreviousUKStudy

This value activates one of two radio buttons in the CAS: 'true' activates the 'Yes' button and 'false' activates the 'No' button. This element is not mandatory in the schema, but failure to provide this data in upload files will mean that CAS will need to be edited manually to select one of the radio buttons before they can be assigned.

BDT Code
true
false

PreviousUKStudy

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PreviousAcademicLevel

This field becomes mandatory if 'true' is used in the 'PreviousUKStudy' field.

In October 2019 the RQF2-8 codes were added, to allow BDT users to distinguish between the old QCF/NQF academic levels and RQF levels in their own systems.

Display text	BDT Code
RQF level 2	QCF_NQF2
RQF level 3	QCF_NQF3
RQF level 4	QCF_NQF4
RQF level 5	QCF_NQF5
RQF level 6	QCF_NQF6
RQF level 7	QCF_NQF7
RQF level 8	QCF_NQF8
RQF level 2	RQF2
RQF level 3	RQF3
RQF level 4	RQF4
RQF level 5	RQF5
RQF level 6	RQF6
RQF level 7	RQF7
RQF level 8	RQF8
RQF level 8 - DES	QCF_NQF8DES
SCQF level 6	SCQF6
SCQF level 7	SCQF7
SCQF level 8	SCQF8
SCQF level 9	SCQF9
SCQF level 10	SCQF10
SCQF level 11	SCQF11
SCQF level 12	SCQF12
SCQF level 12 - DES	SCQF12DES
CEFR A2	A2
CEFR B1	B1
CEFR B2	B2
CEFR C1	C1
CEFR C2	C2

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CurrentPreviousCourseLevelComparison

This field is optional, but becomes mandatory if the value of 'true' is used in the 'PreviousUKStudy' field. Furthermore, if a value of 'SAME' or 'LOWER' is used, the following 'ProgressionJustification' text field becomes mandatory (free text).

BDT Code
HIGHER
SAME
LOWER

ProgressionJustification

This free text field is mandatory if a value of 'SAME' or 'LOWER' is used in the 'CurrentPreviousCourseLevelComparison' field.

ApplicantHasWorkPlacement

This field is mandatory.

BDT Code
true
false

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WorkPlacementPercentage

This numerical field is optional. However, if the value provided for 'ApplicantHasWorkPlacement' is 'true' but no value is provided for this field, you will not be able to assign the CAS until a value is entered manually .

Furthermore, if the value used exceeds **33**, the following 'WorkPlacementJustificationText' field becomes mandatory.

BDT Code
5
10
15
20
25
30
33
35
40
45
50
55
60
65
70
75
80
85
90
95
100

WorkPlacementJustificationText

This free text field becomes mandatory if the numerical value in the 'WorkPlacementPercentage' exceeds 33.