

TEDS coding schemes for parent qualifications

7yr main categories	7yr codes
no qualifications	1
1 to 4 O-levels/CSEs/GCSEs/Standards, any grades	2
5 or more O-levels/GCSEs (grades A-C) or CSEs (grade 1)	3
1 A-level or AS-level	4
2 or more A-levels, 4 or more AS-levels, HNCs	5
first degree (e.g. BA, BSc)	6
higher degree (e.g. MA, PhD, PGCE, postgrad cert/diploma)	7

Categorising other qualifications at 7

(1) Equivalence of NQF qualifications (from <http://www.edexcel.org.uk/quals/nqf-grid/>):

Type of qualification	7yr codes	Equivalent conventional qualifications
NVQ/BTEC level 1	2	GCSE grade D-G
NVQ/BTEC level 2, GNVQ	3	GCSE grade A-C
NVQ/BTEC level 3	4	A-level
BTEC National Diploma	4	A-level
NVQ/BTEC level 4	6	first degree
NVQ/BTEC level 5	7	postgraduate qualification

(2) Other qualifications, harder to categorise:

Type of qualification	Suggested 7yr codes	Possible equivalent qualifications
NVQ/BTEC with unspecified level	2	if unspecified, assume equivalent to lowest NVQ level
City & Guilds	2	equivalent to lowest NVQ/BTEC level
ONC	3	GCSE grade A-C
OND	5	A-levels
Unspecified types of "diploma"	4	assume same level as BTEC diploma
international baccalaureate	5	A-levels
HNC	5	A-levels
HND	6	first degree
Cert Ed, PGCE, teaching qualifications	7	postgraduate qualification

(3) Work-related qualifications of unclear level:

Type of qualification	Suggested 7yr codes	Possible equivalent qualifications
RSA, CLAIT, secretarial/office qualifications	2	similar to lowest level of NVQ (or 1-4 GCSEs)
vague work-related training, e.g. "welding qualifications", "qualified electrician"	2	ditto
very obscure qualifications (usually work-related), e.g. "SIAD", "SBDO", "PRC", "NEBSM"	2	ditto
NNEB, CACHE, Nursery Nursing qualifications	4	A-level
AAT, Accounting technician	4	1 A-level
ACCA, ACA, ACMA, fully qualified Accountants	6	degree
vague accountancy qualifications	4	assume equivalent to AAT (accounting technician)
RGN, SRN, Nursing qualifications	5	A-levels (average level, probably varies for different nurses)
Solicitors exams, bar training	7	postgraduate qualification

(4) Non-qualifications:

In some cases the response appears to be a job description rather than a qualification.

In some cases the parent is studying, and has not gained the qualification yet.

In other cases the response is too vague to be meaningful.

In some specific cases, assume a certain level of qualifications (see examples below); if in doubt, or if description is too vague, leave uncoded.

Examples	Suggested 7yr codes	comments
1 YEAR OF DEGREE	5	must presumably have A-levels
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING	-	too vague - may not be a qualified engineer
APPRENTICESHIP	-	not a qualification
BOOK KEEPING	-	not a qualification
CHEF	-	not a qualification
Don't know currently doing a NVQ	-	NVQ not actually completed; cannot assume any prior qualifications
DRIVING INSTRUCTOR	-	not a qualification
ENROLLED NURSE	3	must have something in order to have qualified as a nurse
FRENCH	-	meaningless
OU DEGREE STUDYING - SOCIAL SCIENCE	5	must presumably have A-levels or equivalent
SOLICITOR	7	must have done solicitor training at postgraduate level
TIME SERVED PLASTERER	-	not a qualification
THE KNOWLEDGE	-	not a qualification
Trained as a manager	-	not a qualification
WORK RELATED	-	meaningless