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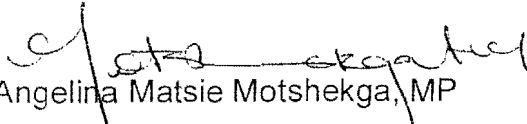
I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consulting with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish the standard in the Schedule for comment.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the standard in writing and to direct their comments to:

The Director-General, Private Bag X895, Pretoria, 0001, for attention: Ms H Herbst, tel. 012 312 5093, email herbst.h@doe.gov.za, fax 086 513 4240.

Kindly provide the name, address, telephone and fax number and email address of the person or organisation submitting the comments.

The comments should reach the Department within 30 days from publication of the standard for comment.


Angelina Matsie Motshekga, MP
Minister of Basic Education

Date: 17 February 2010

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**SC009: STANDARD FOR DATA CODING**

I, Angelina Matsie "Angie" Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and in terms of section 3(4)(a) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), as read with section 59 of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996) amend the Education Information Policy as read with paragraph 62 of the Education Information Policy published in Government Gazette No. 26710 of 27 August 2004, hereby publish the standard SC009: Standard for data coding, as set out in the Schedule.

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*SC009, Standard for Data Coding***1. Purpose of the standard**

The purpose of this Standard is to specify the rules for the development of data codes to be used in the design of data capture tools and instruments for the capturing and consolidation of education data sets. Standard data code lists allow data values from different education data sets to be mapped into a common set of values, in order to ensure consistency of data exchange and reporting across systems. The use of standardised data codes and standard data tables improves the quality and the interoperability of data by increasing data compatibility between data sets and systems.

2. Scope and applicability of this Standard

This Standard applies to the development of data codes, so as to be used to enumerate list values in the design of any data capture instrument, whether paper-based or electronic, for an education data set. The Standard also specifies the key tables to be used in education survey data sets. The appendix is published quarterly and includes a list of the approved data codes that are used to enumerate the list values used in education data sets.

3. Standard for data coding**3.1. Standard for defining data codes**

Data codes are used for enumerating the values of classifications that are used in education data sets. Data codes are used extensively in the EMIS surveys and in all electronic education systems. The following rules must be applied when defining new data code lists:

- a) The sequence of codes must be irrelevant.
- b) The codes must not be overloaded with meaning and the only intelligence that may be embedded in a code is error detection and possibly error correction.
- c) Codes may never be reused and cannot be changed.
- d) Codes must be hidden from the user in all electronic systems. The user must only be presented with the descriptions of the codes from which to select an option.
- e) Where codes need to be used on hard-copy survey forms to save space, all codes must be fully enumerated on all the survey forms.
- f) New and temporary codes may only be released by the Education Information Officer of the national Department of Basic Education.

3.2. Standard for the capturing of data codes

The following rules apply to the capturing of data codes into electronic systems:

- a) Each data field that requires a coded answer must be restricted to the authorised code values only.
- b) The electronic data capture tool must not allow code values outside of the required range to be captured.
- c) Yes and no (true/false) data fields must be encoded and must not use 0 as a default answer for either 'Yes' or 'No' (true/false).

*SC009, Standard for Data Coding***3.3. Standard for the coding of invalid, null and zero values during the data capturing process**

3.3.1. The Standard makes provision for a distinction between a zero value, an incorrect value and a null value (no response) in the data sets, based on the following rules:

No answer

- a) If the user or respondent fails to enter a value into an answer cell (for all data types) in a flat structure, then an empty string or null value must be captured for that record or data row, so as to indicate a null response to the question.
- b) If the user or respondent fails to enter a value into an answer cell in a normalised structure (such as a grid), then no record or row must be captured.

Zero answer

- c) If the user or respondent enters a zero (0) value into a numeric answer cell in a flat structure, then a zero (0) must be captured for that record or data row.
- d) If the user or respondent enters a zero into an answer cell in a normalised structure (such as a grid), then the record or row must be captured with a zero (0) answer.

Invalid answer

- e) If the user or respondent enters a zero (0) value into a text or date answer cell in a flat structure, then a zero (0) must be captured for that record or data row, indicating an invalid response.
- f) If the user or respondent enters a code value that falls outside the code range for a range answer cell, then a zero (0) must be captured, indicating an out-of-range error or invalid response.
- g) Answers, such as 'Not applicable' and 'Other' must be included in the code range if they constitute a valid answer.

Not applicable

- h) If the option, 'Not applicable', is a valid response, then this should be coded as a list value and should form part of the valid code range.

Other

- i) If the option, 'Other', is a valid response, then this should be coded as a list value and should form part of the valid code range.

3.3.2. The following symbols may also be used to indicate the difference between a zero value and incorrect/missing data in text answer fields:

- n: Quantity nil/zero
- m: Data missing (not answered)
- a: Not applicable
- x: Invalid response

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3.4. Standard for the naming of data tables and fields in a data set

The following conventions must be used in the data sets:

- a) Names of fields and tables should be descriptive of the entity or attribute.
- b) Any table containing list code values must start with the prefix 'lst_'.
- c) Any table containing data values must start with the prefix 'tbl_'.
- d) Multiple occurrences of the same field must inherit an occurrence number, .e.g. *CellNumber_1*, *CellNumber_2*.

4. Standard for the core tables used in EMIS survey data sets

The requirements for conducting EMIS surveys were set out in the *Government Gazette*, No. 29757 of April 2007.

The requirements listed below, specify the standard for the core tables to be included in each of the surveys specified in the above-mentioned *Government Gazette*.

4.1. Standard for the general information table of an institution

The same core fields must be used for the general information table of every survey data set, in order to ensure consistency across the different data sets in the identification and description of educational institutions.

4.1.1. The minimum core fields, which must be used in each survey for the identification of the institution, are the following:

Field	Data type	Description
National EMIS number	Numeric (9 digits)	National EMIS number of the institution.
Name of institution	Text (200)	The official name of the institution.
Province code	Numeric (1 digit)	The official numeric code for the province. (This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed provincial code values.)
District/Region	Text (100)	The official name of the district or region.

4.1.2. The physical address fields for the institution must be included in all annual survey data sets and must always be in the following format on all forms where they are used:

Field	Data type	Description
Street number	Text(10)	Physical address: Full street number, including prefixes (e.g. A20), suffixes (e.g. 33C) and ranges (e.g. 18 – 20).
Street name	Text (100)	Physical address: Street name, including type (e.g. Road, Avenue); modifier (e.g. Extension); and directional (e.g. North, East), but excluding number. The draft South African Address Standard, SANS 1883, caters for seven non-postal types of addresses, viz. building address, farm address, informal address, intersection address, landmark address, site address and street address. This field may be used to carry the relevant data for these other types of addresses.
Town/City	Text (100)	Physical address: Name of town or city.

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Country	Text (100)	Physical address: Country.
Postal code	Text (20)	Physical address: Postal or zip code.

4.1.3. The postal address fields for the institution must be included in all annual survey data sets and must always be in the following format on all the forms where they are being used:

Field	Data type	Description
Postal elements	Text (200)	SANS 1883 and the South African Post Office have five postal address types, four of which are relevant here: box/bag address, site address, street address and village address (the other is Post Restante). This field contains the one or two lines that appear above the Post Office name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box or bag number. • Mail delivery agent identifier (e.g. PostNet suite number; bag number). • Address number; section identifier or cadastral reference. • Building unit identifier and/or street number; street identifier. • SAPO village house number; SAPO village name.
Post Office	Text (100)	Postal address: Name of Post Office
Country	Text (100)	Postal address: Country
Mailing postal code	Text (100)	Postal address: Postal code

4.1.4. The contact data fields for the institution must be included in all annual survey data sets and must always be in the following format on all forms where they are being used:

Field	Data type	Description
Telephone number	Text (20)	The full 10-digit number, including the area code for local numbers. The field must also allow for party line numbers and international numbers.
Facsimile number	Text (20)	The full number, including the area code. This field must also allow for fax-to-cellphone numbers and international numbers.
Cell number	Text (20)	The full 13-digit cellphone number. This field must also allow for international numbers.
E-mail address	Text (150)	The full e-mail address.

Multiple occurrences of the same field must inherit an occurrence number, e.g. *CellNumber_1*, *CellNumber_2*.

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4.2. Standard for the master enrolment tables of each survey data set

Each survey data set must contain master enrolment tables that are used to control the totals of all other survey tables within the data set. The two main master tables are the learner/student-enrolment master table and the staff-count master table.

4.2.1. Standard for the learner/student-enrolment master table

This table must capture the numbers of all learners/students enrolled at the institution, according to grade and gender, using the following specifications:

Field	Data type	Description
National EMIS number	Numeric (9 digits)	National EMIS number of the institution.
Data year	Numeric (4 digits)	The relevant survey year.
Grade code	Numeric (2 digits)	The official numeric code for the relevant grade. (This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed grades or level values.)
Gender code	Numeric (1 digit)	The official numeric code for the relevant gender. (This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed gender values.)
Quantity	Numeric	This is the answer or value entered into the cell that represents the number of learners, based on the variables of grade and gender.

4.2.2. Standard for the staff-count master table

This table must capture the numbers of all members of staff employed at the institution, using the following specifications:

Field	Data type	Description
National EMIS number	Numeric (9 digits)	National EMIS number of the institution.
Data year	Numeric (4 digits)	The relevant survey year.
Remuneration code	Number (1 digit)	The official numeric code for the relevant remuneration type. (This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed remuneration values, such as state or SGB employees.)
Staff type code	Number (2 digits)	This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed staff type values, such as educator, support staff, administrative staff.
Duration code	Number (2 digits)	This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed duration values, such as full-time or part-time.
Nature of appointment code	Number (2 digits)	This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed nature of appointment values, such as permanent, temporary,

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		substitute.
Gender code	Number (1 digit)	This is a code value that is linked to the list values for the allowed gender values.
Quantity	Number	This is the answer or value entered into the cell, representing the number of staff members in the category, based on the above variables.

4.3. Standard for the core information tables of each annual survey data set

- a) Each annual survey data set must contain the following core data tables for data collection:
- i) Learner/Student data table, according to age, grade and gender.
 - ii) Learner/Student data table, according to population group, grade and gender.
 - iii) Learner/Student data table, according to home language, grade and gender.
 - iv) Learner/Student data table, according to language of instruction, grade and gender.
- b) The totals in these core tables must balance with the totals in the master enrolment table.
- c) Each annual survey data set must contain a table that collects the number of learners/students per grade, and the gender of learners who experience barriers to learning, per barrier description.

5. Standard code lists

The following standards apply to the use of common code lists for education data sets:

- a) Only the national Department of Basic Education may create new standard code lists for Basic Education.
- b) Any user of education data, who requires a new code to be generated, must apply to the relevant section of the national Department of Basic Education to generate the code.
- c) All code lists must be approved by the Education Information Officer of the National Department of Basic Education, before they may be released for use.
- d) All code lists in use by the Department of Basic Education must be lodged with the Education Information Officer.
- e) All code lists can be obtained from the Education Information Officer.
- f) The Education Information Officer will release quarterly updates of the code lists as per the attached Appendix. The quarterly code lists will be published on the Department of Basic Education's website.
- g) Each code list will contain the date of release and the version number of the code list.
- h) The layout of all published code list tables must be as follows:

Field name	Description
Code	The value of the code.
Description	A description of the code.

- i) The name of the code list table must start with the prefix '*lst_*' and indicate the code type, such as '*lst_grades*' (code list table enumerating the school grades).

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6. APPENDIX: CODE LISTS MOST COMMONLY USED IN EMIS SURVEYS AND DATA SETS

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Note: There are several code lists defined outside of the EMIS surveys and data sets, which are in use in education systems. Some of these code lists are very extensive and to repeat them in this Appendix would be redundant and would increase the risk of conflicting standards. An example of such a code list is the subject code list for FET subjects, which is defined by the Curriculum Unit of the Department of Basic Education, but is obtainable from the Education Information Officer.

The following code lists are defined by EMIS for use in education data sets. The reference code links the code list table to the description of the entity, as defined in the SC006 *Dictionary of Education Concepts and Terms*.

Reserved code numbers

The following code numbers are reserved and may be used with any code list, if so required:

- Code Number 94 is reserved for the option, 'Not applicable', and may be included in any code list, where required, by the particular data collection.
- Code Number 95 is reserved for the option, 'None', and may be included in any code list, where required, by the particular data collection.
- Code Number 96 is reserved for the option, 'Other', and may be included in any code list, where required, by the particular data collection.
- Code Number 99 is reserved for the option, 'Unknown', and may be included in any code list, where required, by the particular data collection.

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True/False	Definition not required
Yes/No	Definition not required

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10019	Age groups for mortality statistics for educators
10019	Age groups for mortality statistics for learners
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10038	Barriers to learning
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10283	Practical status of institution
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10347	School term
10353	Section 21 functions
10374	SNE school specialisation
10377	Specialised facility
10379	Staff type
10380	Stakeholders
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10392	Support staff
10398	Teaching level
10420	Ownership of building

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CODE LIST TABLES

6.1. Academic barriers to learning**Ref. Code: 10038****Table: Ist_LearningBarriers_Academic**

Academic difficulties that create learning barriers for mainstream or SNE learners.

Code	Description
1	Reading Difficulties
2	Numeric Difficulties
3	Language Difficulties

6.2. Accommodation for Early Childhood Development centres**Ref. Code: 10100****Table: Ist_AccommodationType**

Type of accommodation used by an ECD centre.

Code	Description
1	School
2	Church
3	Community Hall or Centre
4	House
96	Other

6.3. Address types**Ref. Code: 10007****Table: Ist_AddressType**

Describes the type of address.

Code	Description
1	Physical Address
2	Postal Address
3	E-mail Address

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6.4. Age**Ref. Code: 10019****Table: Ist_Age**

The age of a learner in years as at the last day of December in the year of the survey.

Code	Description
1	0-3
2	4 Years
3	5 Years
4	6 Years
5	7 Years
6	8 Years
7	9 Years
8	10 Years
9	11 Years
10	12 Years
11	13 Years
12	14 Years
13	15 Years
14	16 Years
15	17 Years
16	18 Years
17	19 Years
18	20 Years
19	21 Years
20	22 Years
21	23 Years
22	24 Years
23	25 Years
24	26 Years and Above
96	Other

6.5. Age enrolment**Ref. Code: 10019****Table: Ist_Age_Grade1Enrolment**

The learner age of enrolment in Grade 1, as at the first day of January in the year of the survey.

Code	Description
1	Younger than 5 Years
2	5 Years
3	6 Years
4	7 Years
5	8 Years
6	9 Years
7	10 Years
8	11 Years
9	12 Years
10	12+ Years

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6.6. Age groups used for ECD learners**Ref. Code: 10019****Table: Ist_ECD_AgeGroups**

Different age groupings used in ECD surveys.

Code	Description
1	0 - 1 Years
2	2 - 3 Years
3	4 - 5 Years
4	5 and Below
5	6 Years
6	7 and Above

6.7. Age groups for mortality statistics for educators**Ref. Code 10019****Table: Ist_MortalityAgeEducators**

Age groups used for educator mortality statistics.

Code	Description
1	20-24
2	25-29
3	30-34
4	35-39
5	40-44
6	45-49
7	50-54
8	55 and Older

6.8. Age groups for mortality statistics for learners**Ref. Code 10019****Table: Ist_MortalityAgeLearners**

Age groups used for learner mortality statistics.

Code	Description
1	Younger than 3
2	3-5
3	6-9
4	10-14
5	15-19
6	20-24
7	25 and Older

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6.9. Assessment body

Ref. Code: 10030

Table: Ist_ExternalAssessmentAuthority

Grade 12 examination body.

Code	Description
1	National Department
2	Independent Examination Board
96	Other

6.10. Assistive devices for learners with special education needs

Ref. Code: 10200

Table: Ist_AssistiveDevices

Assistive devices used by learners with special educational needs.

Code	Description
1	Wheelchairs
2	Crutches
3	Hearing Aids
4	Braille Typewriter
5	Augmentative Communicative Devices
96	Other

6.11. Availability of assistive devices

Ref. Code: 10200

Table: Ist_AssistiveDeviceStatus

Indicates the number of available or needed assistive devices at a school.

Code	Description
1	Number That Is In Use
2	Number That Is Needed

6.12. Barriers to learning

Ref. Code: 10038

Table: Ist_Disabilities

Disabilities that result in learners experiencing barriers to learning.

Code	Description
1	Attention Deficit Disorder
2	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
3	Behavioural/Conduct Disorder

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4	Blindness
5	Cerebral Palsy
6	Deafness
7	Deaf-Blindness Disabled
8	Epilepsy
9	Hard of Hearing
10	Mild to Moderate Intellectual Disability
11	Partially Sighted/ Low vision
12	Physical Disability
13	Severely Intellectually Disabled
14	Specific Learning Disability
15	Psychiatric Disorder

6.13. Disabilities of educators

Ref. Code: 10276

Table: Ist_EducatorDisability

Types of disabilities experienced by educators.

Code	Description
1	Sight
2	Hearing
3	Physical
4	Multiple
5	Epilepsy
96	Other
95	None

6.14. Duration of appointment

Ref. Code: 10098

Table: Ist_AppointmentDuration

Indicates daily time period of staff appointments.

Code	Description
1	Full-time
2	Part-time

6.15. Education band

Ref. Code: 10146/10140/10160

Table: Ist_EducationBand

Broad groupings of education phases in 3 bands or levels.

Code	Description	
1	General Education And Training	Ref. Code 10146
2	Further Education And Training	Ref. Code 10140
3	Higher Education And Training	Ref. Code 10160

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6.16. Education subsectors

Ref. Code: 10386

Table: Ist_EducationSubSector

The different subsectors to which educational institutions belong.

Code	Description
1	Early Childhood Development (ECD)
2	Ordinary School (OS)
3	Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET)
4	Further Education and Training College (FET)
5	Higher Education (HE)
6	Special Needs Education (SNE)

6.17. Educator qualification type

Ref. Code: 10312

Table: Ist_Qualification

The type of qualification of an educator.

Code	Description
1	Professional Diploma/Certificate
2	Academic degree
3	Professional degree
4	Technical Diploma/Certificate

6.18. Ex-Departments of Education

Ref. Code: 10122

Table: Ist_ExDepartment

Previous education departments prior to 1994.

Code	Description
1	Bophuthatswana (Bop)
2	Cape Education Department (CED)
3	Ciskei
4	Department of Education and Training (DET)
5	Free State Education Department
6	Gazankulu
7	House of Assembly (HOA)
8	House of Delegates (HOD)
9	House of Representatives (HOR)
10	Independent
11	Kangwane
12	Kwandebele
15	Lebowa
16	New Education Department (Rename To Current Province)
18	Transkei
19	Transvaal Education Department (TED)
20	Venda

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6.19. Extra-curricular activities**Ref. Code: 10125****Table: Ist_ExtraCurricularActivities**

Cultural, artistic, sport and technical-scientific activities, which take place outside the school's normal timetable, provided by the school for learners.

Code	Description
1	Dance
2	Drama
3	Music
4	Choir
5	Visual Arts
6	Athletics
7	Chess
8	Cricket
9	Hockey
10	Net Ball
11	Softball
12	Soccer
13	Rugby
14	Tennis
15	Volley-ball
16	Water sport
17	Debating Society
18	Boxing
19	Karate
20	Clay-pigeon Shooting
21	Drum Majorettes
22	Special Olympics
23	Swimming
24	Para-Olympics
96	Other

6.20. Funding type**Ref. Code: 10139****Table: Ist_FundingSector**

The funding sector to which an institution belongs.

Code	Description
1	Public
2	Independent
3	Home Education

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6.21. Gender

Ref. Code: 10144

Table: Ist_Gender

Code	Description
1	Male
2	Female
3	Gender not surveyed

6.22. Grade

Ref. Code: 10149

Table: Ist_Grades

Grades used in the ordinary school sector.

Code	Description
1	Pre-Gr. R
2	Gr. R
3	Gr. 1
4	Gr. 2
5	Gr. 3
6	Gr. 4
7	Gr. 5
8	Gr. 6
9	Gr. 7
10	Gr. 8
11	Gr. 9
12	Gr. 10
13	Gr. 11
14	Gr. 12

6.23. Intervention school

Ref. Code: 10186

Table: Ist_InterventionSchoolType

The different programmes of special interventions for schools.

Code	Description
1	Dinaledi
2	Nodal
3	QIDS-UP
4	e-Education
5	Sport school
6	FOCUS school
7	Museum school
8	Music school
9	Hospital school

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6.24. Languages**Ref. Code: 10193****Table: Ist_Languages**

List of the official languages of South Africa.

Code	Description
1	Afrikaans
2	English
3	isiNdebele
4	Sepedi
5	Siswati
6	Xitsonga
7	Tshivenda
8	Setswana
9	isiXhosa
10	isiZulu
11	Sesotho
12	South African Sign Language
96	Other

6.25. Language level**Ref. Code: 10190****Table: Ist_LanguageLevel**

The level of instruction of the language taken as a subject.

Code	Description
1	Primary Language (Home Language)
2	Additional Language
3	First Additional Language
4	Second Additional Language

6.26. Language type**Ref. Code: 10165/10191/10284****Table: Ist_LanguageType**

The type of language data being captured by a particular table.

Code	Description	Ref. Code
1	Home Language	Ref. Code 10165
2	Language of Learning and Teaching	Ref. Code 10191
3	Preferred language of instruction	Ref. Code 10284

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6.27. Learner transfer categories

Ref. Code: 10198/9

Table: Ist_TransferCategory

Categories of learner transfers between schools and provinces.

Code	Description
1	Learners Who Were At Another School In The Same Province
2	Learners Who Were At A School In Another Province
3	Learners Who Were Not At Any School The Previous Year
4	Number Of Transfers From This School To Another School

6.28. Legal status of an Institution

Ref. Code: 10205

Table: Ist_LegalStatus_of_Institution

Describe the legal status of an institution.

Code	Description
1	Not Yet Opened
2	Formally Opened
3	Formally Closed

6.29. Mortality

Ref. Code: 10229

Table: Ist_CauseDeath

The causes of death of learners and educators.

Code	Description
1	Illness
2	Accident
3	Suicide
4	Violence and Homicide
5	Unknown
96	Other

6.30. National EMIS numbers

Ref. Code: 10235

Table: Ist_NatEMISNumbers

The range of the unique national EMIS number assigned to each institution.

Code	Description
1- 99999999	National institutions

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100000000 - 199999999	Western Cape EMIS numbers
200000000 - 299999999	Eastern Cape EMIS numbers
300000000 - 399999999	Northern Cape EMIS numbers
400000000 - 499999999	Free State EMIS numbers
500000000 - 599999999	KwaZulu-Natal EMIS numbers
600000000 - 699999999	North West EMIS numbers
700000000 - 799999999	Gauteng EMIS numbers
800000000 - 899999999	Mpumalanga EMIS numbers
900000000 - 999999999	Limpopo EMIS numbers

6.31. Nature of appointment

Ref. Code: 10242

Table: Ist_Nature_of_Appointment

The nature of appointment of educators and public service staff.

Code	Description
1	Permanent
2	Temporary
3	Substitute
4	Contract

6.32. NQF levels

Ref. Code: 10239

Table: Ist_NQFLevels

The levels used in the FET sector.

Code	Description
1	NQF Level 1
2	NQF Level 2
3	NQF Level 3
4	NQF Level 4
5	NQF Level 5
6	NQF Level 6
7	NQF Level 7
8	NQF Level 8
9	Non-Nated Programmes/Abet
96	Other

6.33. Orphan

Ref. Code: 10257

Table: Ist_Orphan

Indicates which parent of a learner is deceased.

Code	Description
1	Mother only deceased

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2	Father only deceased
3	Both parents deceased

6.34. Ownership of building

Ref. Code 10420

Table: Ist_OwnershipType

The legal owner of the buildings of an institution.

Code	Description
1	State or Government
2	Church
3	Mine
4	Farm
5	Hospital
6	Trust
7	Company
8	Private Individual
9	Factory
10	Public on Private Land
11	Home
96	Other

6.35. Ownership of institution

Ref. Code: 10262

Table: Ist_InstitutionOwnership

Indicates whether the institution is publicly or privately owned.

Code	Description
1	Public (Government)
2	Private

6.36. Ownership of land

Ref. Code: 10263

Table: Ist_OwnerLand

Describes the ownership of the institution in relation to the ownership of the land.

Code	Description
1	Public Institution on State Property
2	Public Institution on Private Property
3	Private Institution on Private Property

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6.37. Parent/Learner relationship

Ref. Code: 10266

Table: Ist_ParentLearnerRelationship

Describes the relationship of the learner with the responsible adult.

Code	Description
1	Father
2	Mother
3	Both Parents
4	Foster Parent
5	Grandparent
6	Legal Guardian
96	Other

6.38. Personnel categories

Ref. Code 10274

Table: Ist_PersonnelCategory

The personnel categories of educators.

Code	Description
1	Principal
2	Deputy Principal
3	HOD
4	Educator
5	SNE Educator
6	Remedial Educator
96	Other

6.39. Population group

Ref. Code: 10279

Table: Ist_PopulationGroup

Describe the population group of a person.

Code	Description
1	Black/African
2	Coloured
3	Indian
4	White
96	Other

6.40. Practical status of institution

Ref. Code: 10283

Table: Ist_PracticalStatus_of_Institution

The operational status of an institution, as used in the master list of institutions.

Code	Description
1	Planned or Proposed

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2	Submitted to Treasury: Pre-approval stage
3	Plan Approved
4	Under Construction
5	Pending Open
6	Operational
7	Pending Closed
8	Closed
9	Status not known

6.41. Professional non-teaching staff

Ref. Code: 10250

Table: Ist_Professional_NonteachingStaff

Personnel who are classified as paramedics, social workers, caregivers, therapists and psychologists.

Code	Description
1	Caregiver
2	Paramedic
3	Social Worker
4	Therapist
5	Psychologist

6.42. Progression status of learners

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Table: Ist_ProgressionStatus

Progression status of a learner in any given academic year.

Code	Description
1	Dropped Out
2	Not Promoted in The Previous Year
3	Repeating The Current Year
4	Passed The Previous Year

Ref. Code 10323

6.43. Provinces**Table: Ist_Provinces**

Describe the province where the institution is situated.

Code	Description
1	Western Cape
2	Eastern Cape
3	Northern Cape
4	Free State
5	KwaZulu-Natal
6	North West
7	Gauteng
8	Mpumalanga

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9	Limpopo
10	National
99	Unknown

6.44. Qualification category

Ref. Code: 10311

Table: Ist_REQVLevel

Classification of qualifications according to the Relative Education Qualification Value (REQV) level. The REQV is a relative value attached to an education qualification, determined primarily on the basis of the number of recognised, prescribed, full-time professional or academic years of study at an approved university, technikon or university of technology, taking into account the level of school education attained.

Code	Description
1	10 - Grade 12 or lower without a teaching qualification
2	11 - Grade 8, 9, 10, 11 plus *two years apposite training
3	12 - Grade 12 plus *two years apposite training
4	13 - Grade 12 plus *three years apposite training
5	14 - Grade 12 plus *four years apposite training
6	15 - Grade 12 plus *five years apposite training
7	16 - Grade 12 plus *six years apposite training, having completed a recognised university degree
8	17 - Grade 12 plus *seven years apposite training, in possession of at least a recognised master's degree
9	99 - Without matric and no training at all

6.45. Remuneration source

Ref. Code: 10322

Table: Ist_RemunerationSource

The source of remuneration for a particular staff member.

Code	Description
1	State
2	School Governing Body (SGB)
3	Private Donor
96	Other

6.46. Reporting status of institution

Ref. Code: 10325

Table: Ist_ReportingStatus_of_Institution

This indicates whether the Department of Education expects the institution to submit data in response to a survey.

Code	Description
1	Expected to Submit Data
2	Not Expected to Submit Data

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6.47. Rural and Urban**Ref. Code 10331/10412****Table: Ist_UrbanRural**

Describe the area of an institution.

Code	Description	
1	Rural	Ref. Code 10331
2	Urban	Ref. Code 10412

6.48. School Level**Ref. Code: 10342****Table: Ist_SchoolLevel**

The level of education offered by a school, based on the grades offered at the school.

Code	Description	
1	Primary	Ref. Code 10289
2	Secondary	Ref. Code 10350
3	Combined	Ref. Code 10064

6.49. School phases**Ref. Code 10343****Table: Ist_SchoolPhases**

The education phases within an ordinary school.

Code	Description
1	Foundation (Grades R to 3)
2	Intermediate (Grades 4 to 6)
3	Senior (Grades 7 to 9)
4	FET (Grades 10 to 12)

6.50. School specialisation**Ref. Code: 10346****Table: Ist_SchoolSpecialisation**

Indicates the area that the school curriculum is focused on.

Code	Description
1	Agricultural
2	Drama
3	Music
4	Art
5	Ballet
6	Commercial
7	Technical

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8	Sport
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6.51. School term

Ref. Code: 10347

Table: Ist_SchoolTerm

Any one period into which a particular school year is divided for tuition purposes.

Code	Description
1	First term
2	Second term
3	Third term
4	Fourth term

6.52. SNE school specialisation

Ref. Code: 10374

Table: Ist_SNESpecialisationArea

The primary barrier to learning under which the school is registered.

Code	Description
1	Visual Impairment
2	Hearing Impairment
3	Intellectual Barrier to Learning
4	Physical Barrier to Learning
5	Communication Disorders
6	Autistic Spectrum Disorders
7	Neurological and Specific Learning Disabilities
8	Behavioural Problems
96	Other

6.53. Specialised facility

Ref. Code: 10377

Table: Ist_SpecialisedFacility

A facility that does not enrol learners itself, but that provides specialist facilities for educational institutions.

Code	Description
1	Workshop
2	Museum School
3	Library
4	Art School
5	Music School
6	Teacher Development Centre
7	Environmental Centre
8	Sports Centre

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6.54. Staff type**Ref. Code: 10379****Table: Ist_StaffType**

The employee types within the Department of Education.

Code	Description
1	Educator
2	Practitioner
3	Professional non-teaching staff
4	Administrative staff
5	Support staff
6	Hostel staff

6.55. Stakeholders**Ref. Code: 10380****Table: Ist_Stakeholder**

An organisation or body with a direct and continuing interest in the educational institution, programme, phase or sector in question.

Code	Description
1	Parent
2	Educator
3	Learner
4	Union
5	General public

6.56. Support staff**Ref. Code: 10392****Table: Ist_SupportStaff**

The categories of support staff members.

Code	Description
1	Caretaker
2	Cleaner
3	Gardener
4	Kitchen Staff
5	Laboratory Assistant
6	Messenger
7	Pre-primary Assistant
8	Grade R Assistant
9	Academic Support
10	Student Support
11	Human Resources Management
12	Financial Management
13	Administration
14	Maintenance
15	Security
16	Registrar
17	Clerk
18	Driver

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19	Health Professionals
20	Hostel Staff

6.57. Teaching level

Ref. Code: 10398

Table: Ist_EducatorTeachingLevel

The level at which an educator teaches.

Code	Description
1	Pre-Grade R
2	Grade R
3	Primary
4	Intermediate
5	Secondary
6	Remedial / Special
96	Other

6.58. Yes and No answers or True and False**Table: Ist_YesNo**

Yes/No answer fields or True/False fields.

Code	Description
1	Yes / True
2	No / False
94	Not Applicable

6.59. Section 21 functions

Ref. Code: 10353

Table: Ist_Section 21 functions

The functions that a school SGB has permission to perform.

Code	Description
1	Maintain and improve the school's property, and buildings and grounds occupied by the school, including school hostels
2	Determine the extra-mural curriculum of the school and the choice subjects of the school options in terms of provincial curriculum policy
3	Purchase textbooks, educational materials or equipment of the school
4	Pay for services to the school
5	Provide an adult based education and training class or centre subject to an applicable law
6	Other functions consistent with Schools Act and any applicable provincial law