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INTRODUCTION

This *NCDS Data Note* reports on work done to improve the quality of the data available for the fifth follow-up of the *National Child Development Study (NCDS5)*. It reports on the considerable work done at the University of Manchester to code details of the subjects of qualifications and courses reported during the NCDS5 interview, and was prepared by Peter Shepherd. It is hoped that the information provided below may be of value to others analysing NCDS data.

A brief introduction to NCDS will be followed by an outline of the coding undertaken and the nature of the enhanced data which is available.

NATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDY

The *National Child Development Study (NCDS)* is a continuing, multi-disciplinary longitudinal study which takes as its subjects all those living in Great Britain who were born between 3 and 9 March, 1958.

Following the initial birth survey in 1958 - the *Perinatal Mortality Survey (PMS)* - there have been, to date, five attempts to trace all members of the birth cohort in order to monitor their physical, educational and social development. These were carried out by the National Children's Bureau in 1965 (*NCDS1*), 1969 (*NCDS2*), 1974 (*NCDS3*), and 1981 (*NCDS4*); and by the Social Statistics Research Unit, City University in 1991 (*NCDS5*). In addition, in 1978, details of public examination entry and performance were obtained from schools and colleges.

For the *PMS* information was obtained from the *mother* and from *medical records* by the midwife. For *NCDS1-3*, information was obtained from: *parents* (by health visitors); *head teachers* and *class teachers* (who completed questionnaires); *medical examination* (carried out by the schools health service); and the *subjects* themselves (who completed tests of ability and, latterly, questionnaires).

NCDS4 differs in that information was obtained from the *subject* by survey research interviewer, and from the *1971 and 1981 Censuses* - from which variables describing area of residence were taken. Similarly, *NCDS5* also relied on survey research interviewers to collect information from *subjects*. Self-completion questionnaires were also used to gather data from NCDS *subjects* and from *husbands, wives, and cohabitees*. In addition, for a random sample of one in three subjects, information was collected for all *natural or adopted children* who were living with them. Data were gathered from the *children* themselves, and from their *mother, or mother-figure* (who might be the cohort member, or their spouse or partner), using a series of age-specific assessments of cognitive and behavioural development. These were supplemented by a *mother* interview, and by *interviewer observations* of mother-child interaction.

During *EXAMS* survey, information was obtained only from *schools and colleges* by postal survey.

In addition information has also been gathered during a number of *NCDS Special Sub-studies* for samples of cohort members selected for their particular characteristics. They include studies of children in care, adoptive children, gifted children, the children of one-parent families, handicapped school leavers, and those suffering from epilepsy, respiratory problems, and Crohn's disease.

Data available for research

The data from the NCDS follow-ups are held by the ESRC Data Archive at the University of Essex and on-line at Manchester Computing. Access to the data is open to anyone interested, although intending users are asked to commit themselves to ensuring that confidentiality is observed, and to inform the *NCDS User Support Group* at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies about their proposed use of the data and any resulting publications, etc.

The Data Archive also hold data from a number of special sub-studies where additional data has been gathered for samples of cohort members selected for their special characteristics or circumstances.

User Group

This is open to all users of NCDS data. It provides opportunities for users to get together to explore developments, problems, and other issues of mutual interest. Ad hoc "Updates" on NCDS data and developments are circulated to members.

Membership is free on application to the NCDS User Support Group.

User Support Group

This provides advice and guidance on the use of NCDS data; produces documentation; collates and disseminates information on uses of the data, publications, and other developments; produces and distributes a newsletter and working papers; provides access to non-computerised NCDS data; collects additional information; and services the User Group.

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Background

During the NCDS5 survey cohort members were asked at interview about the qualifications they held, and the courses they had followed to obtain qualifications, training courses and leisure courses. This included details of the subject(s) of courses followed. Following the completion of the NCDS5 survey the text of the subject descriptions was keyed to disk and subsequently made available through the ESRC Data Archive. More recently this data has been reviewed and coded to facilitate analysis. This work was funded by the Department of Employment and undertaken by the University of Manchester.

A list of questions for which subject information was keyed to disk and subsequently coded is given in Table 1 below.

Table 1: NCDS5 questions on the subjects of qualifications and courses

| Question | Topic |
|-----------------|---|
| B05a) | Highest qualification course since sixteen |
| B05a) | Second highest qualification course since sixteen |
| B13a) | Most recent training course since sixteen |
| B13a) | Second most recent training course since sixteen |
| B13a) | Third most recent training course since sixteen |
| B21c) | Leisure courses since sixteen |
| B22a) | Other City & Guild qualification held |
| B22a) | Other qualifications held 1-3 |

Coding frame

The subject coding frame employed was derived from the GHS-based frame used for coding subject information for the NCDS4 survey, modified to include subjects which did not appear to fit. A copy of this frame is given in Appendix 1.

Many courses were recorded as just 'engineering'; these were coded as 'General and other engineering' (147).

Similarly, if a subject was given as just 'management' it was coded as 'Other management' (486).

'Leisure' (713) includes sports which people did at evening classes.

Word processing courses were coded as 'Clerical' (491).

Data available

The subject codings have been set up as an SPSS ‘portable’ file. A summary of the contents of the dataset is given in Table 2 below.

The dataset is available to researchers on application to the NCDS User Support Group.

Table 2: NCDS5 Subject variables

| Variable name* | Label |
|-----------------------|--|
| SERIAL | Serial number |
| QB05A1 | Subject - Highest qual course since 3/81 |
| QB05A2 | Subject - 2nd highest qual course since 3/81 |
| QB13A1 | Subject - Most recent training course since 3/81 |
| QB13A2 | Subject - 2nd most recent training course since 3/81 |
| QB13A3 | Subject - 3rd most recent training course since 3/81 |
| QB21C01 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #1 |
| QB21C02 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #2 |
| QB21C03 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #3 |
| QB21C04 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #4 |
| QB21C05 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #5 |
| QB21C06 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #6 |
| QB21C07 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #7 |
| QB21C08 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #8 |
| QB21C09 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #9 |
| QB21C10 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #10 |
| QB21C11 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #11 |
| QB21C12 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #12 |
| QB21C13 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #13 |
| QB21C14 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #14 |
| QB21C15 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #15 |
| QB21C16 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #16 |
| QB22A17 | Subject - Other City & Guild qual held |
| QB22A34 | Subject - Other qual held #1 |
| QB22A35 | Subject - Other qual held #2 |
| QB22A36 | Subject - Other qual held #3 |

Notes: * Variable names have the general form:

Q(Section)(Question number)(Question part)(nth subject mentioned)

eg: B21c “What subjects have you studied on this (leisure) course?” has the variable names QB21C01 - QB21C16. These variables provide coding for up to 16 named subjects. The first named subject has a variable name derived as follows:

Q(B)(21)(C)(01) = QB21C01

Further details of the dataset are given in Appendix 2.

Appendix 1: Coding frame for NCDS5 Subjects

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EDUCATION

- 1 Education/Teacher training
- 2 Teaching methods
- 3 Programmed learning
- 4 Audio-visual aids
- 5 Other education/teaching
- 6 Education combinations
- 7 Education combined with other groups

MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND ANCILLIARY HEALTH SUBJECTS

- 10 Pharmacy
- 11 Pharmacology
- 12 Medicine
- 13 Dentistry
- Ancillary Health Subjects
- 14 Air Pollution
- 15 Cardiography
- 16 Chiropody
- 17 Cleaning Science
- 18 Dental nurse and Assistants
- 19 Dental technicians
- 20 Dietetics
- 21 Dispensing assistants
- 22 Dispensing opticians
- 23 Dispensing technicians
- 24 Food inspection, analysis and hygiene
- 25 Health visitors
- 26 Manicure and pedicure
- 27 Meat inspection
- 28 Medical certificate
- 29 Medic laboratory technicians
- 30 Nursing(medical)
- 31 Nursery nursing

- 32 Nutrition
- 33 Ophthalmic opticians
- 34 Physiological Measurement technician
- 35 Physiotherapy
- 36 Pre-nursing
- 37 Public-Health inspection
- 38 Sanitary inspection
- 39 Radiography
- 40 Smoke control
- 41 Speech therapy
- 42 Surgical laboratory technicians
- 43 Other health subjects
- 44 Health and safety
- 45 Health combinations
- 46 Health combined with other groups
- 47 Occupational therapy

ENGINEERING

- 50 Aeronautical engineering
- 51 Aeronautics
- 52 Aerodynamics
- 53 Aerostructure
- 54 Aero engineering and space technology
- 55 Aircraft electrical power systems
- 56 Aircraft electronic devices
- 57 Astronautics
- 58 Flight Control
- 59 Guided Missiles

- 60 Agricultural engineering
- 61 Farm machinery maintenance
- 62 Horticultur machinery maintenance

- 64 Automobile engineering
- 65 Motor bodywork
- 66 Motor vehicle electricians
- 67 Motor vehicle engineering
- 68 Motor vehicle mechanics
- 69 Motor vehicle technicians
- 70 Motor vehicle painting
- 71 Motor vehicle repair and maintenance
- 72 Panel beating
- 73 Vehicle body building

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| 74 | <u>Chemical engineering and technology</u> |
| 75 | Chemical plant operation |
| 76 | Chemical technicians |
| 77 | Chemical technology |
| 78 | Gas engineering |
| 79 | Process plant operation |
| 80 | <u>Civil engineering</u> |
| 81 | Civil engineering (gas) |
| 82 | Municipal engineering |
| 83 | Traffic engineering |
| 84 | Land economics |
| 85 | <u>Electrical engineering</u> |
| 86 | Cable jointing |
| 87 | Electrical fitting |
| 88 | Electrical installation |
| 89 | Electronics |
| 90 | Electronic engineering |
| 91 | Electronic servicing |
| 92 | Illuminating engineering |
| 93 | Radar |
| 94 | Radio and television |
| 95 | Radio, television and tape recorders (amateur) |
| 96 | Radio, television and tape recorders servicing |
| 97 | Telecommunications |
| 98 | <u>Marine engineering</u> |
| 99 | <u>Mechanical engineering</u> |
| 100 | Fabrication of steelwork |
| 101 | Hydraulics |
| 102 | Mechanical engineering craft practice |
| 103 | Mechanical engineering technicians |
| 104 | Mechanical engineering inspection |
| 105 | Rail carriage building |
| 106 | Refrigeration engineering |
| 107 | Workshop technology and practice |
| 108 | <u>Naval architecture and shipbuilding</u> |
| 109 | Ship building |

- 110 Ship joinery
- 111 Ship plumbing
- 112 Yacht and boat building

- 113 Production engineering

- 147 General and other engineering

- 114 Precision engineering
- 115 Ergonomics
- 116 Materials handling
- 117 Audio-vis technicians
- 118 General engineering
- 119 Combined engineering
- 120 Control engineering
- 121 Blacksmithing
- 122 Boiler house practice
- 123 Boilermaking
- 124 Corrosion engineering
- 125 Engineering drawing
- 126 Engineering planning, estimating and costing
- 127 Engineering science
- 128 Fire engineering
- 129 Heating and ventilating engineering
- 130 Industrial engineering
- 131 Industrial radiography
- 132 Mill engineering and services
- 133 Instrument engineering and maintenance
- 134 Metal finishing and electro-chemistry
- 135 Metal plate work
- 136 Metrology
- 137 Miscellaneous engineering
- 138 Nuclear engineering
- 139 Pipework engineering
- 140 Press tool making
- 141 Pressure vessel design
- 142 Scientific instrument manufacture (including optical instruments)
- 143 Sheet metal work
- 144 Textile engineering
- 145 Watch and clock manufacture
- 146 Welding
- 147 General and other engineering
- 148 Engineering combinations
- 149 Engineering & technology combinations
- 150 Engineering in combination with other groups (except technology)

TECHNOLOGY

- 160 Building
- 161 Bricklaying
- 162 Building economics
- 163 Building foremanship
- 164 Building inspection
- 165 Building technology
- 166 Builders quantities
- 167 Carpentry and joinery
- 168 Clerks of works
- 169 Concrete practice
- 170 Concrete technology
- 171 Construction, plant maintenance and repair of
- 172 Furnace brickwork
- 173 Gas fitters work
- 174 Glazing and allied trades
- 175 Heating and ventilation (installation and fitting)
- 176 Highways and works superintendents
- 177 Industrial safety officers
- 178 Masonry
- 179 Mastic asphalt work
- 180 Painting and decorating
- 181 Plasterers work
- 182 Plumbing and sanitary engineering
- 183 Roadwork (road masons and paviors)
- 184 Roof slating and tiling
- 185 Shopfitting
- 186 Structural engineering
- 187 Wall and floor tiling (including terrazo and mosaic work)

- 188 Clothing and footwear
- 189 Boot and shoe manufacture and repair
- 190 Dress manufacture
- 191 Embroidery and lace manufacture
- 192 Hosiery and knitted goods manufacture
- 193 Millinery (other than domestic)
- 194 Tailoring (other than domestic)

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| 196 | <u>Food technology and manufacture</u> |
| 197 | Bakery and flour confectionery |
| 198 | Brewing |
| 199 | Chocolate and sugar confectionery |
| 200 | Flour milling |
| 201 | Milk pasteurisation, processing and distribution |
| 202 | <u>Fuel and petroleum technology</u> |
| 203 | Coal processing |
| 204 | Gas manufacture and utilisation |
| 205 | Petroleum and petroleum products |
| 206 | <u>Metal technology</u> |
| 207 | Metallurgy |
| 208 | Foundry technology |
| 209 | Foundry practice |
| 210 | Iron and steel manufacture |
| 211 | Metallurgical technicians |
| 212 | Non-ferrous metal manufacture |
| 213 | Patternmaking |
| 214 | <u>Mining and quarrying</u> |
| 215 | Colliery electricians |
| 216 | Colliery mechanics |
| 217 | Mineral engineering |
| 218 | Mining engineering |
| 219 | Mining deputies and managers |
| 220 | Mining geology |
| 221 | <u>Offshore engineering and technology</u> |
| 222 | <u>Printing and book production</u> |
| 223 | Printing |
| 224 | Book production |
| 225 | Book binding |
| 226 | Electro and stereotyping |
| 227 | Line composition |
| 228 | Lithographic printing |
| 229 | Monotype casters work |
| 230 | Monotype composition |

- 231 Photo engraving
- 232 Photogravure
- 233 Photo-lithography
- 234 Print administration
- 235 Printing ink technicians
- 236 Printing technicians
- 237 Printing warehouse practice
- 238 Publishers edition binding
- 239 Technical authorship and illustration
- 240 Typographical design
- 241 Typography

- 242 Surveying/Valuation

- 243 Mine surveying
- 244 Quantity surveying
- 245 Cartography

- 246 Textile technology and manufacture

- 247 Carpet and upholstery fabric manufacture
- 248 Cotton manufacture
- 249 Silk manufacture
- 250 Synthetic textile manufacture
- 251 Textile merchandising (where course has technological content)
- 252 Textile printing
- 253 Textiles, general
- 254 Woollen and worsted manufacture and weaving
- 255 Other textile manufacture

- 256 General and other technology and manufacture (see also 282 and 283)

- 257 Acoustics
- 258 Brickmaking
- 259 Ceramics technology and manufacture
- 260 Cybernetics (industrial)
- 261 Furniture and upholstery manufacture
- 262 Leather technology
- 263 Leather and leather goods manufacture, dyeing and finishing)
- 264 Kiln burning
- 265 Gemmology
- 266 Goldsmiths and silversmiths work (excluding design)
- 267 Instrument technology
- 268 Jewellery manufacture
- 269 Musical instrument manufacture
- 270 Paint technology
- 271 Pottery manufacture

- 272 Paper science
- 273 Paper technology
- 274 Plastics technology
- 275 Polishing and Sanding
- 276 Rubber workshop practice
- 277 Rubber technology
- 278 Synthetic fibre manufacture
- 279 Timber technology
- 280 Tobacco processing
- 281 Woodcutting machinists work
- 282 Other manufacturing
- 283 Other technology

- 284 Technology combinations
- 285 Combinations of engineering and/or technology with other groups

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND VETERINARY SCIENCE

- 300 Agricultural chemistry

- 301 Agriculture (see also 314-379)

- 302 Agricultural economics
- 303 Animal husbandry
- 304 Beekeeping
- 305 Dairying
- 306 Farm records and accounts
- 307 Farm organisation and management
- 308 Gardening
- 309 Greenkeeping
- 310 Horticulture
- 311 Poultry
- 312 Rural saddlery
- 313 Fish farming

- 314 Agricultural biology

- 315 Agricultural biochemistry
- 316 Agricultural botany
- 317 Agricultural science
- 318 Agricultural zoology
- 319 Animal genetics
- 320 Plant taxonomy
- 321 Soil chemistry
- 322 Soil science

- 323 Forestry

- 324 Arboriculture
- 325 Sylviculture
- 326 Forestry management
- 327 Timber felling and sawmilling
- 328 Timber merchanting
- 329 Tree nursery work

- 330 Veterinary sciences

- 331 Animal nursing
- 332 Animal technicians
- 333 Agricultural combinations
- 334 Agricultural and other group combinations

- 350 Biological sciences

- 351 Applied biology
- 352 Applied micro biology
- 353 Biology
- 354 Bacteriology
- 355 Biological chemistry
- 356 Botany
- 357 Genetics
- 358 Microbiology
- 359 Microscopy
- 360 Physiology and anatomy
- 361 Pathology
- 362 Zoology

- 363 Biochemistry

- 364 Applied biochemistry
- 365 Medical biochemistry
- 366 Physiological chemistry

- 367 Chemistry

- 368 Analytical chemistry
- 369 Applied chemistry
- 370 Cosmetic chemistry
- 371 Spectroscopy
- 372 Chemistry as applied to textile industry
- 373 Dyeing of textiles
- 374 Polymer chemistry
- 375 Colour chemistry
- 376 Technical chemistry

- 377 Geology
- 378 Geophysics
- 379 Mineralogy

- 380 Mathematics
- 381 Applied mathematics
- 382 Arithmetic
- 383 Computer studies (mathematical bias)
- 384 Decimalisation
- 385 Numerical analysis
- 386 Elasticity
- 387 Hydrodynamics
- 388 Probability theory
- 389 Statistics
- 390 Theoretical astronomy
- 391 Technological mathematics
- 392 Systems international units
- 393 Computer science

- 394 Physics
- 395 Applied physics
- 396 Applied astronomy
- 397 Mathematical physics
- 398 Nuclear physics
- 399 Astrophysics
- 400 Radio astronomy
- 401 Radiation protection

- 402 Environmental sciences
- 403 Oceanography
- 404 Meteorology

- 405 General science
- 406 Science laboratory technician
- 407 Mathematics/physics
- 408 Mathematics/other sciences
- 409 Combinations of physical sciences other than maths/physics
- 410 Combinations of biological sciences
- 411 Combinations of sciences with other subjects

SOCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SUBJECTS

- 420 Economics
- 421 Economic sciences and statistics
- 422 Economic history
- 423 Economic organisation
- 424 Industrial economics
- 425 Geography
- 426 Law
- 427 Legal executives
- 428 Social Sciences
- 429 Sociology
- 430 Humanities and social studies
- 431 Industrial relations
- 432 Social administration
- 433 Social Work
- 434 Careers guidance
- 435 Youth and community service/Youth work
- 436 Youth employment and vocational guidance
- 437 Psychology
- 438 Social anthropology
- 439 Other economics, law or social sciences
- 440 Combinations of economics, law and social sciences
- 441 Accountancy, banking and insurance
- 442 Accountancy
- 443 Book-keeping
- 444 Law accounting
- 445 Cost and works accounting
- 446 Actuarial studies
- 447 Banking and currency
- 448 Insurance
- 449 Municipal treasurers and accountants
- 450 Stock exchange practice
- 451 Taxation
- 452 Government and public administration
- 453 Civil defence
- 454 Central government
- 455 Fire service

- 456 Hospital/health administration
- 457 International relations
- 458 Local government
- 459 Police
- 460 Political science

- 461 Management and management science

- 462 Administration, general
- 463 Business administration
- 464 Company secretary practice
- 465 Computer systems analysis
- 466 Cybernetics (management)
- 467 Industrial administration
- 468 Industrial foremanship
- 469 Industrial organisation
- 470 Industrial training
- 471 Information science
- 472 Organisation and methods
- 473 Management, construction
- 474 Management, estate
- 475 Management, housing
- 476 Management, office
- 477 Management, personnel
- 478 Management, production
- 479 Management, works
- 480 Management, sales
- 481 Marketing and sales management
- 482 Operational research
- 483 Quality control
- 484 Time and motion study
- 485 Work Study
- 486 Other administrative and management studies
- 488 Supervisory studies

- 489 Secretarial/clerical studies

- 490 Agricultural secretaires
- 491 Clerical
- 492 Personal Assistant
- 493 Shorthand/typing
- 494 Typing
- 495 Medical secretaries

- 514 Other social administrative and business subjects

- 496 Advertising

- 497 Business studies
- 498 Commerce (including combined commerce and secretarial)
- 499 Business machine operation
- 500 Commercial travelling
- 517 Computing
- 501 Computer languages
- 502 Computer operation
- 503 Computer programming (general and commercial bias)
- 504 Data processing
- 505 Estate agency
- 506 Export practice
- 507 Office studies
- 508 Purchasing
- 509 Salesmanship
- 510 Sales representatives
- 511 Shipbroking
- 512 Switchboard operation
- 513 Travel/travel agency
- 514 Other social administrative and business subjects
- 515 Combinations of social, administrative, business
- 516 Combinations with other groups

MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

- 519 Architecture
- 520 Landscape architecture
- 521 Land use
- 522 Town and country planning
- 523 Conservation (of buildings)
- 524 Rural and regional resources planning
- 525 Catering and institutional management
- 526 Catering, basic trades
- 527 Cookery for hotel catering trades
- 528 Hotel and catering
- 529 Hotel book-keeping and reception
- 530 Institutional management and housekeeping
- 531 Licenced house staff
- 532 Preliminary trade cookery
- 533 Waiters and hotel assistants
- 534 Institutional catering and housekeeping
- 535 Home economics
- 536 Domestic science/dress and design

- 537 Domestic science/food and nutrition
- 538 Domestic studies
- 539 Cookery
- 540 Dressmaking (domestic)
- 541 Home management
- 542 Houseworking
- 543 Millinery (domestic)
- 544 Needlework and embroidery (domestic)
- 545 Tailoring (domestic)
- 546 Upholstery and soft furnishings
- 547 Weaving

- 548 Nautical studies

- 549 Fishing
- 550 Nautical catering
- 551 Nautical science
- 552 Radio-telegraphy (nautical)
- 553 Seamanship and navigation

- 554 Transport

- 555 Air transport
- 556 Rail transport
- 557 Road transport
- 558 Shipping

- 559 Wholesale and retail trades

- 560 Retailing
- 561 Flower display and arrangement/Florist
- 562 General and undefined distribution
- 563 Grocery
- 564 Paper merchanting
- 565 Retail distribution
- 566 Retail management and storekeeping
- 567 Stationery
- 568 Textile distribution

- 569 Other professional and vocational subjects

- 570 Hairdressing/cosmetics/beauty
- 571 Laundry and dry cleaning work
- 572 Journalism
- 573 Librarianship
- 574 Trichology
- 575 Photography

- 576 General and liberal studies
- 578 Civics
- 579 Current affairs
- 580 Modern studies
- 581 Miscellaneous professional and vocational n.e.c.
- 582 Combination of professional and vocational
- 583 Combination with other groups

LANGUAGES

- 600 English language and literature
- 601 English for foreign students
- 602 Gaelic and other Celtic languages
- 603 French
- 604 German
- 605 French/German
- 606 Spanish
- 607 Danish
- 608 Dutch
- 609 Italian
- 610 Norwegian
- 611 Portugese
- 612 Swedish
- 613 Other single West European languages
- 614 Russian

- 615 Other Central and Eastern European languages

- 616 Classical studies
- 617 Oriental, Asian and African languages
- 618 Other languages
- 619 Modern languages
- 620 Combined language courses (see also 625)
- 621 Languages with other groups

ARTS OTHER THAN LANGUAGES

- 650 Archaeology
- 651 History
- 652 Philosophy
- 653 Moral sciences
- 654 Logic
- 655 Theology
- 656 Arts general (where not elsewhere specified)
- 657 Combinations of arts with other groups

MUSIC, DRAMA AND VISUAL ARTS

- 669 Art and design
- 670 Art
- 671 Design
- 672 Art metalwork and jewellery design
- 673 Antiques
- 674 Ceramics (design)
- 675 Fashion design
- 676 Furniture design
- 677 Graphic design (including commercial art and illustration)
- 678 Handicrafts
- 679 History of art
- 680 Industrial design
- 681 Industrial glass design
- 682 Interior design
- 683 Lettering
- 684 Painting
- 685 Sculpture
- 686 Stained glass
- 687 Textile design
- 688 Window dressing and display
- 689 Woodcarving

- 699 Drama and entertainment and music
- 700 Drama
- 701 Speech
- 702 Cinema and film studies
- 703 Music
- 704 Music, drama, visual arts n.e.c.
- 705 Music, drama , visual arts combinations

OTHER CODES

- 706 Subject given, but can't be classified anywhere else
- 707 No subject given, or illegible
- 708 More than one CSE and/or 'O' level being studied

CODES ADDED FOR NCDS5

- 709 Subject listed as "unacceptable" in GHS
- 710 Alternative medicine, including:
 - hypnotherapy
 - art therapy
 - aromatherapy
 - massage
 - reflexology
 - homeopathy
 - drama therapy
- 711 Driving qualification, including:
 - HGV
 - Fork-lift Truck licence
 - PSV
 - Driving instructor
 - motorcycle licence
 - side load driver
 - mercury training
- 713 Leisure, including:
 - RS 1 rally sports
 - Physical training
 - Basketball referee
 - Certificate of movement and dance
 - British canoe union instructors award
 - County swimming teaching certificate
 - day skipper certificate
 - British amateur gym association
 - Mountain Walker leader
 - County rock climbing foundation
 - Fellowship in dancing
 - YMCA aerobics teacher training course
 - Cricket Coaching
 - Qualified weight training instructors course
 - British Sport therapist
 - Senior instructor on Kayak
 - Rugby league coach
 - swimming coach

yacht master
British Wheel of Yoga
Other sports

- 715 First Aid, including:
Life saving
Off-shore survival
St Johns Certificate
Red Cross
- 716 Social and Caring qualifications, including: Sign language
- 717 Security, including:
alarm fitting
security guards
use of pistols and fire arms
- 718 In-house training, including:
assertiveness training
public speaking
report writing skills,
evaluation and assessing staff.
problem solving
negotiation skills
presentation skills
- 900 Not applicable

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Appendix 2: Summary of the contents of the NCDS5 "Subjects" dataset

Portable file: subject.t2.exp
 Variables: 26
 Number of cases: 8,367
 Input file size: 6,821 records (545,680 bytes)

Defined Variables

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SERIAL | QB13A2 | QB21C03 | QB21C06 | QB21C09 | QB21C12 | QB21C15 | QB22A34 |
| QB05A1 | QB13A3 | QB21C04 | QB21C07 | QB21C10 | QB21C13 | QB21C16 | QB22A35 |
| QB05A2 | QB21C01 | QB21C05 | QB21C08 | QB21C11 | QB21C14 | QB22A17 | QB22A36 |
| QB13A1 | QB21C02 | | | | | | |

| Name | Position | Label |
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| SERIAL | 1 | Serial number |
| QB05A1 | 2 | Subject - Highest qual course since 3/81 |
| QB05A2 | 3 | Subject - 2nd highest qual course since 3/81 |
| QB13A1 | 4 | Subject - Most recent training course since 3/81 |
| QB13A2 | 5 | Subject - 2nd most recent training course since 3/81 |
| QB13A3 | 6 | Subject - 3rd most recent training course since 3/81 |
| QB21C01 | 7 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #1 |
| QB21C02 | 8 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #2 |
| QB21C03 | 9 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #3 |
| QB21C04 | 10 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #4 |
| QB21C05 | 11 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #5 |
| QB21C06 | 12 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #6 |
| QB21C07 | 13 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #7 |
| QB21C08 | 14 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #8 |
| QB21C09 | 15 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #9 |
| QB21C10 | 16 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #10 |
| QB21C11 | 17 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #11 |
| QB21C12 | 18 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #12 |
| QB21C13 | 19 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #13 |
| QB21C14 | 20 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #14 |
| QB21C15 | 21 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #15 |
| QB21C16 | 22 | Subject - Leisure course since 3/81 #16 |
| QB22A17 | 23 | Subject - Other City & Guild qual held |
| QB22A34 | 24 | Subject - Other qual held #1 |
| QB22A35 | 25 | Subject - Other qual held #2 |
| QB22A36 | 26 | Subject - Other qual held #3 |

Data dictionary

Name

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| SERIAL | Serial number | |
| | Print Format: A7 | |
| | Write Format: A7 | |
| QB05A1 | Subject - Highest qual course since 3/81 | - QB22A36 |
| | Subject - Other qual held #3 | |
| | Print Format: F3 | |
| | Write Format: F3 | |
| | Value | Label |
| | 1 | Education |
| | 2 | Teaching methods |
| | 3 | Prog learning |
| | 4 | Audio-vis aids |
| | 5 | Other education |
| | 6 | Ed combinations |
| | 7 | Ed & other group |
| | 10 | Pharmacy |
| | 11 | Pharmacology |

12 Medicine
13 Dentistry
14 Air Pollution
15 Cardiography
16 Chiropody
17 Cleaning Science
18 Dental nurse
19 Dental tech
20 dietetics
21 dispensg asst
22 dispense optic
23 dispense tech
24 Food inspection
25 Health visitors
26 Manicure/Pedicur
27 Meat inspection
28 Medical cert
29 Medic lab tech
30 Nursing (med)
31 Nursery nursing
32 Nutrition
33 Ophthalmic optic
34 Physiological
35 Physiotherapy
36 Pre-nursing
37 Public-Health
38 Sanitary insp
39 Radiography
40 Smoke control
41 Speech therapy
42 Surgical lab
43 Other health
44 Health & Safety
45 Health combi
46 Health/oth group
47 Occupat therapy
50 Aeronautical eng
51 Aeronautics
52 Aerodynamics
53 Aerostructure
54 Aero eng/space
55 Aircraft elec
56 Air elec devices
57 Astronautics
58 Flight Control
59 Guided Missiles
60 Agriculture eng
61 Farm machinery
62 Horticultur mach
64 Automobile eng
65 Motor bodywork
66 MV electrician
67 MV engineering
68 MV mechanics
69 MV technicians
70 MV painting
71 MV repair
72 Panel beating
73 V body build
74 chem eng & tech
75 chem plant ops
76 Chem technicians
77 Chem technology
78 Gas eng
79 Process plant
80 Civil eng
81 Civil eng(gas)
82 Municipal eng
83 Traffic eng

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| 84 | Land economics |
| 85 | Electrical eng |
| 86 | Cable jointing |
| 87 | Elec fitting |
| 88 | Elec install |
| 89 | Electronics |
| 90 | Electronic eng |
| 91 | Elec servicing |
| 92 | Illum eng |
| 93 | Radar |
| 94 | Radio & TV |
| 95 | Rad,TV (amateur) |
| 96 | Rad,TV servicing |
| 97 | Telecommunicat |
| 98 | Marine eng |
| 99 | Mech eng |
| 100 | Steelwork |
| 101 | Hydraulics |
| 102 | Mech eng craft |
| 103 | Mech eng tech |
| 104 | Mech eng insp |
| 105 | Rail carr build |
| 106 | Refrigeration en |
| 107 | Workshop tech |
| 108 | Naval arch |
| 109 | Ship building |
| 110 | Ship joinery |
| 111 | Ship plumbing |
| 112 | yacht/boat build |
| 113 | Prod eng |
| 114 | Prec eng |
| 115 | Ergonomics |
| 116 | Materials hand |
| 117 | Audio vis tec |
| 118 | General eng |
| 119 | Combined eng |
| 120 | Control eng |
| 121 | Blacksmith |
| 122 | Boiler house |
| 123 | Boilermaking |
| 124 | Corrosion eng |
| 125 | Eng drawing |
| 126 | Eng planning |
| 127 | Eng science |
| 128 | Fire eng |
| 129 | Heating eng |
| 130 | Industrial eng |
| 131 | Indust radio |
| 132 | Mill eng/service |
| 133 | Instrument eng |
| 134 | Metal finishing |
| 135 | Metal plate work |
| 136 | Metrology |
| 137 | Misc eng |
| 138 | Nuclear eng |
| 139 | Pipework eng |
| 140 | Pres tool making |
| 141 | Pressure vesse |
| 142 | Scientific instr |
| 143 | Sheet metal work |
| 144 | Textile eng |
| 145 | Watch/Clock manu |
| 146 | Welding |
| 147 | Gen other eng |
| 148 | eng combi |
| 149 | Eng & tech combi |
| 150 | eng/other group |
| 160 | building |
| 161 | bricklaying |

162 build economics
163 build foremanship
164 build inspection
165 build technology
166 build quantity
167 carp and joinery
168 clerks of works
169 concrete pract
170 concrete tech
171 construction
172 furnace brickwrk
173 gas fitters work
174 glazing
175 heating/vents
176 highways/works
177 indust safety
178 masonry
179 mastic asphalt
180 paint/decorating
181 plasterers work
182 plumb/sanitary
183 roadwork
184 road tiling
185 shopfitting
186 structural eng
187 wall/floor tilin
188 Cloth/footwear
189 Shoe manu/repair
190 Dress manufactue
191 embroid/lace man
192 Hoisery/knitted
193 Millinery
194 Tailoring
196 Food tech & manu
197 Bakery & floor
198 Brewing
199 Chocolate/sugar
200 Flour milling
201 Milk past/dist
202 Fuel/petroluem
203 Coal processing
204 Gas manufacture
205 petroluem prods
206 metal technology
207 metallurgy
208 Foundry tech
209 Foundry practice
210 Iron/Steel manu
211 metallurgical
212 nonferrous metal
213 patternmaking
214 Mining/quarrying
215 Colliery elect
216 Colliery mech
217 Mineral eng
218 Mining eng
219 Mining managers
220 Mining geology
221 Offshore eng
222 Print/Book prod
223 Printing
224 Book production
225 Book binding
226 stereotyping
227 Line composition
228 lithographic
229 Monotype caster
230 Monotype comps
231 Photo engraving

232 Photogravure
233 Photo-lithograph
234 Print admin
235 Print ink tech
236 Printing tech
237 printing whouse
238 Pub edit bind
239 Tech authorship
240 Typograph design
241 Typography
242 Survey/valuation
243 Mine surveying
244 Quant surveying
245 Cartography
246 Textile tech/man
247 Carpet/Upholster
248 Cotton manufact
249 silk manufact
250 Synthetic texts
251 Textile merchant
252 Textile printing
253 Textiles, general
254 Woolen
255 other textile
256 General tech
257 Acoustics
258 Brickmaking
259 Ceramics tech
260 Cybernetics, Ind
261 Furniture manu
262 Leather tech
263 Leather goods
264 Kiln burning
265 Gemmology
266 Gold/silve smith
267 Instrument tech
268 Jewellery manu
269 Music inst man
270 Paint technology
271 Pottery manufact
272 Paper science
273 Paper technology
274 Plastics tech
275 Polish/sanding
276 Rubber workshop
277 Rubber tech
278 synthetic fibre
279 timber tech
280 Tobacco process
281 Woodcutting
282 Other manufact
283 Other technology
284 Technology combi
285 Combi eng/tech
300 Agri chemistry
301 Agriculture
302 Agri economics
303 Animal husbandry
304 Beekeeping
305 Dairying
306 Farm records
307 Farm management
308 gardening
309 Greenkeeping
310 Horticulture
311 Poultry
312 Rural saddlery
313 Fish Farming
314 Agri biology

315 Agri biochemist
316 Agri botany
317 Agri science
318 Agri zoology
319 Animal genetics
320 Plant toxonomy
321 Soil chemistry
322 Soil science
323 Forestry
324 Arboriculture
325 Sylviculture
326 Forestry mment
327 Timber felling
328 Timber merchant
329 Tree nursery wrk
330 Vet sciences
331 Animal nursing
332 Animal tecnici
333 Agri combi
334 Agri & other
350 Bio sciences
351 Applied biology
352 App micro bio
353 Biology
354 Bacteriology
355 Biological chem
356 botany
357 Genetics
358 Microbiology
359 Microscopy
360 Physiology
361 Pathology
362 Zoology
363 Biochemistry
364 Applied bc
365 Medical bc
366 Physiological
367 Chemistry
368 Analytical
369 Applied chem
370 Cosmetic chem
371 Spectroscopy
372 Textile chem
373 Textile dyeing
374 Polymer chem
375 Colour chem
376 Tech chem
377 Geology
378 Geophysics
379 Mineralogy
380 Mathematics
381 App Mathematics
382 Arithmetic
383 Computer studies
384 Decimalisation
385 Numeric analysis
386 Elasticity
387 Hydrodynamics
388 Probability the
389 Statistics
390 Theoretic astro
391 Technology maths
392 Systems intern
393 Computer science
394 Physics
395 Applied physics
396 Applied astronom
397 Mathemat physics
398 Nuclear physics

399 Astrophysics
400 Radio astronomy
401 Radiation prote
402 Environ sciences
403 Oceanography
404 Meterology
405 General science
406 Science lab tech
407 maths/physics
408 Maths, other sc
409 combi phys sc
410 combi sciences
411 sci+oth group
420 Economics
421 Econ/statistics
422 Economic history
423 Economic organ
424 Indust economics
425 geography
426 Law
427 legal executives
428 Social Sciences
429 Sociology
430 Humanit/social
431 Indust relations
432 Social admin
433 Social Work
434 Careers guidance
435 Youth/community
436 Youth employment
437 Psychology
438 Social anthrope
439 Other ec,law
440 com of e,law
441 Account,bank & law
442 Accountancy
443 Book-keeping
444 Law accounting
445 Costs accouting
446 Actuarial stud
447 Banking/currency
448 Insurance
449 Municipal treas
450 Stock exchange
451 Taxation
452 Govt & pub admin
453 Civil defence
454 Central govt
455 Fire service
456 Hospital admin
457 Inter relat
458 Local govt
459 Police
460 Political sci
461 Management/sci
462 Admin general
463 busness admin
464 Company secretar
465 Computer analy
466 Cybernetics (MM)
467 Industrial admin
468 Indust foremansp
469 Industrial organ
470 Indust training
471 information sci
472 organisation
473 MM,construction
474 MM,estate
475 MM,housing

476 MM,office
477 MM,personnel
478 MM,production
479 MM,works
480 MM,sales
481 marketing/sales
482 Ops research
483 Quality control
484 Time/motion
485 Work Study
486 other MM studies
488 Supervisory stud
489 Secretarial stud
490 Agri secretaires
491 Clerical
492 Personal Assist
493 Shorthand typist
494 Typing
495 Med secretaries
496 Advertising
497 Business stud
498 Commerce
499 Business Machine
500 Commercial trav
501 Computer lang
502 Computer operat
503 Computer prog
504 Data processing
505 Estate agency
506 Export practice
507 Office studies
508 Purchasing
509 Salesmanship
510 Sales reps
511 Shipbroking
512 Switchboard
513 Travel agency
514 Oth social admin
515 Combi social
516 Combi social+oth
517 Computing
519 Architecture
520 Landscape arch
521 Land use
522 Town/Country
523 Conservation
524 resours planning
525 Catering mment
526 Catering
527 Cookery hotel
528 Hotel/catering
529 Hotel bookkeep
530 Institutional mm
531 Licenced house
532 Preliminary cook
533 Waiters/hotel
534 Institutial cat
535 Home economics
536 DS.Dress/design
537 DS.Food/nutritio
538 Domestic studies
539 Cookery
540 Dressmaking
541 Home management
542 Houseworking
543 Millinery,dom
544 Needlework
545 Tailoring,domest
546 Soft furnishings

547 Weaving
 548 Nautical studies
 549 Fishing
 550 Nautical caterin
 551 Nautical science
 552 Radio-telegraphy
 553 Seamanship
 554 Transport
 555 Air transport
 556 Rail transport
 557 Road transport
 558 Shipping
 559 Wholesale/retail
 560 Retailing
 561 Flower display
 562 General dist
 563 Grocery
 564 Paper merchant
 565 Retail dist
 566 Retail MM
 567 Stationery
 568 Textile dist
 569 Other proff/voc
 570 Hairdressing
 571 Laundry
 572 Journalism
 573 Libraianship
 574 Trichology
 575 Photography
 576 Liberal studies
 578 Civics
 579 Current affairs
 580 Modern studies
 581 mis proff/voc
 582 combi of 569
 583 combi 569/oth
 600 English lang/lit
 601 English foreign
 602 Gaelic/Celtic
 603 French
 604 German
 605 French/German
 606 Spanish
 607 Danish
 608 Dutch
 609 Italian
 610 Norwegian
 611 Portugese
 612 Swedish
 613 Other West Euro
 614 Russian
 615 Other Euro lang
 616 Classical stud
 617 Orient,Asian,Af
 618 Other languages
 619 Modern lang
 620 combi lang cours
 621 combi lang/grou
 650 Archaeology
 651 History
 652 Philosophy
 653 Moral sciences
 654 Logic
 655 Theology
 656 Arts general
 657 Combi arts/other
 669 Art & Design
 670 Art
 671 Design

672 Jewel design
673 Antiques
674 Ceramics
675 Fashion design
676 Furn design
677 Graphic design
678 Handicrafts
679 History of art
680 Indust design
681 indust glass des
682 interior design
683 lettering
684 Painting
685 Sculpture
686 Stained glass
687 Textile design
688 Window dressing
689 Woodcarving
699 Drama/entertain
700 drama
701 Speech
702 Cinema & film
703 music
704 music,dram nec
705 music,drama co
706 Subject given
707 no sub given
708 More than 1 cse
709 GHS unacceptable
710 Alternative med
711 Driving qualif
713 Leisure
715 First Aid
716 Sign language
717 Security
718 in-house train

Appendix 3: Comments on Coding

The following comments on the coding have been supplied by the University of Manchester:

"COMMENTS ON CODING OF SUBJECTS FOR NCDS5 (AD:8/94)

The coding of subjects followed in general the NCDS subject code frame, however, if there was a need for some new categories of qualifications to be created for those subjects which did not appear to fit in the coding frame; these new classifications are given below:

In the listing files, serial numbers 513081Q, 630022B, 987084U 090011Q were listed twice in the files, however, in each case the subject given was the same.

ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

GHS Unacceptable code 709

Subjects were coded as 709, if they were listed as unacceptable in the General Household Survey.

Alternative Medicine code 710

This included the following qualifications; hypnotherapy, art therapy, aromatherapy, massage, reflexology, homeopathy, drama therapy.

Building/Construction/Driving code 711

HGV, Fork-lift Truck licence, PSV, Driving instructor, motor cycle licence, side load driver, mercury training.

Leisure code 713

RS 1 rally sports1
Physical training
Basketball referee
Certificate of movement and dance
British canoe union instructors award
County swimming teaching certificate
day skipper certificate
British amateur gym association
Mountain Walker leader
County rock climbing foundation
Fellowship in dancing
YMCA aerobics teacher training course
Cricket Coaching
Qualified weight training instructors course
British Sport therapist
Senior instructor on Kayak
Rugby league coach
swimming coach
yacht master
British Wheel of Yoga Other sports

FIRST AID CODE 715

Life saving
Off-shore survival
St Johns Certificate
Red Cross

Social and Caring qualifications code 716
Sign language

Security code 717

alarm fitting, security guards, use of pistols and fire arms.

In-house qualifications code 718

assertiveness training, public speaking, report writing skills,
evaluation and assessing staff.
problem solving
negotiation skills
presentation skills

Not applicable code 900

Cases where the subject was given as na, were coded as 900,
to make it possible to differentiate between no subject given
(707), GHS unacceptable (709) and na (900).

GENERAL NOTES ON THE CODING OF SUBJECTS

Many cases were labelled just 'engineering'; these were coded as
general or other engineering. Similarly, if a subject was given
as just 'management' it was coded 'other management' 486,

For the evening class subjects, 713 includes sports which people
did at night classes.

Word processing courses were coded as clerical (491).

PROBLEM CASES

Question 5

The following serial numbers were found in the listing files
qb05a1.txt and qb05a2.txt but were not in the serial numbers
which were used for checking the data to make sure that it
matched correctly. These have been coded but do not map into the
NCDS5 database that we are using. These are:

| | |
|------------|------------|
| QB05A1.TXT | QB05A2.TXT |
| 092345H | 092345H |
| 092480P | 092480P |
| 482004C | 986117B |
| 986117B | 987084U |
| X80179J | X80179J |
| X90016K | |

Question 13

The following serial numbers were in the listing files but again
not in our NCDS5 database.

290030K
482004C
825060W
937006Q
X46046U
X80179J
X90016K
Y00502U
Y00503W

Question 21

092480P
290030K
482004C
630022B
950157N
986117B
X90016K
Y00403S

The check to make sure that if a respondent had given a second qualification, they had a first qualification gave the following serial numbers as having a second and not a first:

010130W, 110191A.

There are duplicate entries for the files for q5,q13 and q22.
630022B AND 987084U."

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