

in a qualifying programme.

Persons who have begun a programme of study, who are not taking part at present because of a semester or summer break, but who are intending to return to education after a semester or summer break, should be coded as 'in education'.

The following adult programmes cannot be classified using ISCED-2011:

- Vocational education organised by a firm without leading to an official qualification recognised as equivalent to the qualification of the formal education system.
- Any non-formal education that does not lead to a qualification recognised as equivalent to the qualification of the formal education system.
- Individual cultural activities for leisure.

Before 2014

The concept is whether the person is currently participating in an educational programme. An educational programme, as defined under ISCED-97, is "an array or sequence of educational activities, which are organised to accomplish a pre-determined objective or a specified set of educational tasks" (UNESCO, 1999, p. 5).

The person's participation in this programme may be on a full-time attendance basis, a part-time attendance basis or by correspondence course.

This variable only covers the regular education system (formal education, including schools, colleges and universities).

Formal education is defined as education and training with the following characteristics:

- Purpose and format are predetermined.
- Provided in the system of schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions.