

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education  
Management Information System  
CHEMIS Data Dictionary

**REGIS\_STAT**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Registration Status

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** The student's status of registration at the reporting institution.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

1 = First-time, Freshman

2 = First-time, Graduate

3 = First-time, First Professional

4 = First-time, Transfer

5 = Readmit

6 = Continuing

7 = Special

8 = Transient

9 = High School Students Taking College Courses

NOTE: The following correlation applies to the Registration Status and the Student Level data elements.

If REGIS\_STAT = 1, STU\_LEVEL must = 01 or 02

If REGIS\_STAT = 2, STU\_LEVEL must = 07, 08, or 09

If REGIS\_STAT = 3, STU\_LEVEL must = 06

If REGIS\_STAT = 7, 8 STU\_LEVEL must = 05 or 09

If REGIS\_STAT = 9, STU\_LEVEL must = 05

NOTE: Provisionally admitted students (identified by the ADMIT\_TYPE data element), entering a higher education institution for the first time, are considered First-time Freshmen by IPEDS. Therefore, these students should be coded 1 (REGIS\_STAT) for First-time Freshmen.

NOTE: If REGIS\_STAT = 4, then a Transfer Data Record **must** be present in the TAPE.STUDENTE file for this student. If REGIS\_STAT is not = 4, then a Transfer Data Record **must not** be present in the TAPE.STUDENTE file for this student.

NOTE: REGIS\_STAT codes 1,2,3,4 are only valid for the first reporting semester **unless** the first reporting semester was a summer term. If the first reporting semester was a summer term and the REGIS\_STAT codes 1,2,3,4 were used, the student would also be coded the same in the fall according to IPEDS definitions. After the fall semester, the student should be coded as a REGIS\_STAT = 6 for Continuing. Except for the above listed scenario, a student should only be coded REGIS\_STAT 1,2,3,4 once and then coded Continuing.

NOTE: If a student exists on the CHEMIS database (from a previous reporting semester) and then is reported in the current semester as a First-time Freshman, the following data elements will be replaced, Null to valid data or vice versa, whatever the institution reports for the First-time Freshman:

STATE

COUNTY-ID

HIGH\_SCHOOL

HIGH\_YEAR

HIGH-RANK

PREQ-1 through PREQ-8

ACT-COMP

SAT-VERBAL

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SAT-MATH

These data elements and their values represent the student as a First-time Freshman upon which admission to the reporting institution was based. Additional edits will be implemented to prevent erroneous reporting of First-time Freshman and therefore corrupting the validity of the data.

The following data elements are not relevant to the 16 Technical Colleges and therefore will be coded accordingly:

HIGH-RANK	12 Unknown
UG-DEGREE	"5" Not Applicable
PREQ-1 through PREQ-8	"4" Not Applicable
ACT-COMP	99 Null
SAT-VERBAL	999 Null
SAT-MATH	999 Null

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Not Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 1-9

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Alphanumeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents First-time, Freshman)

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**WHERE USED (File):** STUDENT.TRANS

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First-Time, Freshman: An entering freshman who has never attended any college. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. **Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school) OR admitted under an alternative admission program (Provisional).**

First-Time, Graduate: Student enrolled at the graduate level at an institution for the first time. Include graduate students enrolled in the fall semester who attended graduate school in the prior summer semester.

First-Time, First Professional: Student enrolled at the first professional level at an institution for the first time. Includes first-professional students enrolled in the fall term who entered the institution in the prior summer term. The following degree programs are classified as first professional:

Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.)	Pharmacy (Phar.D.)
Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D)	Podiatry (Pod.D. or D.P.)
Medicine (M.D.)	Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.)
Optometry (O.D.)	Law (L.L.B. or J.D.)
Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)	Theology (M.Div. or M.H.L. or B.D., or Ordination)

First-Time, Transfer: A student entering the reporting institution for the first time but is known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who entered the institution in the prior summer term.

Readmit: Student returning after missing one or more regular semesters (fall or spring).

Continuing: Student currently enrolled who was also enrolled the previous regular semester (fall or spring).

Special (not accepted to a degree program): Student who has not been admitted in a degree seeking program.

Transient (not accepted to a degree program): Are students from other colleges and universities. They may be admitted to take summer work provided they are in good standing at their institutions, eligible to return and have institutional permission to enroll in a particular course.

High School Students Taking College Courses: A student who is still in high school but has special permission to take a college level course.