

# Ethnicity and Race Codes in DARS Reports Effective Fall 2010

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## Introduction

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), in compliance with the Federal mandate, has changed the requirements for Ethnicity reporting starting in the fall 2010 semester. Ethnicity and race should be reported as two separate fields now, while the old “Ethnic Origin” field should be unused. Detailed specifications of the new requirements can be found in *Reporting and Procedures Manual for Texas Public Universities* (<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/2523.PDF>).

In order to simplify the standard recurring reports and to be consistent with the proposed “single field” ethnicity codes (see *Sources* below), the Data and Research Services (DARS) will combine the two fields reported to THECB (ethnicity and race) into one field as described in this document.

## THECB Requirement

*Reporting and Procedures Manual for Texas Public Universities*

(<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/2523.PDF>) contains the following Ethnicity/Race reporting requirements (quoted):

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Item #38 Ethnic Origin. Enter the code indicating whether the student is of Hispanic or Latino origin or not.

- 1 Hispanic or Latino origin
- 2 Not Hispanic or Latino origin
- 3 Not answered

Item #39 Race. Select one or more codes indicating the race of the student.

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| Item #39A | 1 | White                                     |
| Item #39B | 2 | Black or African-American                 |
| Item #39C | 4 | Asian                                     |
| Item #39D | 5 | American Indian or Alaskan Native         |
| Item #39E | 6 | International                             |
| Item #39F | 7 | Unknown or Not Reported                   |
| Item #39G | 8 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |

## Definitions:

- **Hispanic or Latino:** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- **American Indian or Alaskan Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

- **Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- **Black or African-American:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- **White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.
- **International** denotes a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.
- **Unknown or Not Reported:** The unknown classification should only be used if the student has not selected a racial/ethnic designation.

**Notes:**

- Even though a student is allowed to pay the “Resident Tuition” rate due to a waiver (coded ‘E’ in Item #7), report with the international code.
  - Report the ethnicity of students who were coded ‘A’ in Item #7.
  - Report the ethnicity of students who have applied to or have a petition pending with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and students who base their residency on visas that allow them to domicile in the U.S.
  - Report students who are Refugees, asylees, parolees, and those who are here under Temporary Protective Status as international students.
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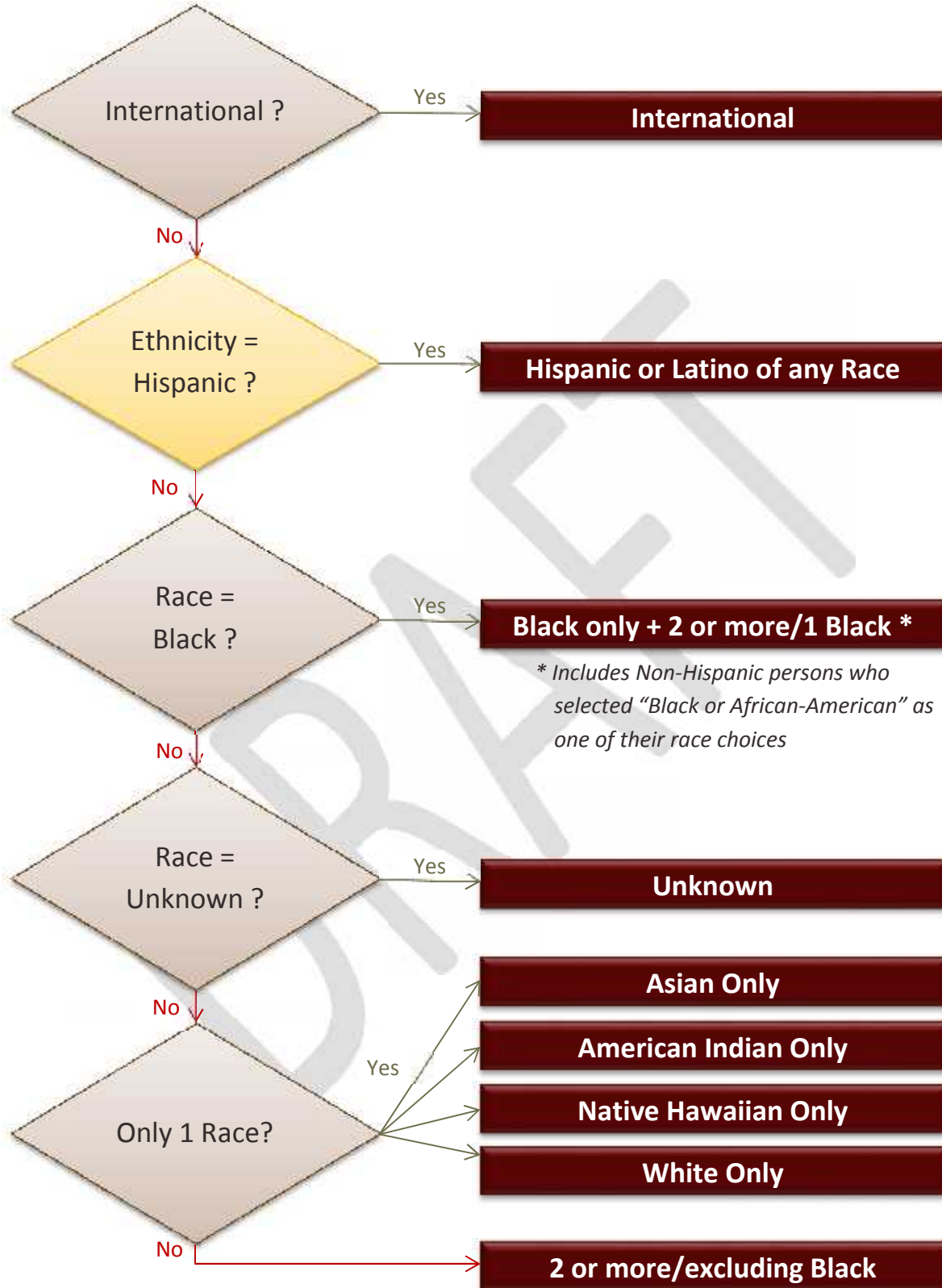
**Ethnicity Coding in DARS Reports**

DARS will report the following new Ethnicity categories in all publically available periodic reports starting in the fall 2010 semester in order to be consistent with the proposed “single field” ethnicity codes (see *Sources* below):

WO*	White Only
BA	Black only + 2 or more/1 Black
HA	Hispanic or Latino of any Race
AO	Asian Only
IO	American Indian Only
IN	International
UK	Unknown
PO	Native Hawaiian Only
MX	2 or more/excluding Black
(OT	Other/Erroneous)

*\*The two-letter combinations represent internal database codes, which will not be used in published reports or surveys.*

# Ethnicity Coding Methodology



## Sources

*Reporting and Procedures Manual for Texas Public Universities*

(<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/2523.PDF>).

Race/Ethnicity Code Changes: Mapping/Bridging and Reporting Data, TAIR Data Advisory Committee

<http://www.texas-air.org/assets/pdf/TAIR%20DAC%20Race%20Mapping-Bridging.pdf>

New Ethnicity/Race Items to respond to federal reporting requirements (THECB)

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/Docfetch.cfm?Docid=1809&Format=PDF>

A Change Is Coming: New Requirements for Demographic Reporting

*A briefing on changes in federal student data reporting requirements*

PowerPoint presentation by CPUPC, ICUT, TACC, and TAIR; April 14, 2010

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