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Classification and structure

The Field of Research (FoR) classification has three hierarchical levels (at the broadest level) and Groups and Fields (at the finest level). Each level is identified by a unique number. The Division represents a broad subject area or research discipline while Groups and Fields represent increasingly detailed dissections of these categories. The FoR classification has 213 Divisions, 213 Groups and 967 Fields. [download full list of FoRs](#)

The hierarchical structure of the FoR is illustrated below:

Level	Example
Division	
Group	4001 Aerospace engineering
Field	400101 Aerospace materials

Guidelines for classifying by Fields of Research for ERA

In ERA the FoR codes are applied at the Group level to people, research outputs, and income. Consistent use of the following general procedures should ensure reliable and successful use of the classification. The ANZSRC FoR allows Research and Development (R&D) activity to be categorised according to the methodology used in the R&D, rather than the activity of the unit performing the R&D or the purpose of the R&D. A research