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You have been sent this questionnaire as we are interested in finding out about the employment and further study you have been doing since you finished your higher education course in 2002/03.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the survey please go to www.graduatedestinationsurvey.co.uk or contact IFF Research on 0808 108 0305 or by email at graduatedestinationsurvey@iffresearch.com, quoting the reference number at the bottom of the page.

SECTION A What were you doing on 27 November 2006?

Everyone should complete this section.

Q1 On 27 November 2006 were you:

PLEASE TICK ALL OPTIONS THAT APPLY

If you were on maternity or paternity leave but were still on the payroll of your employer please count this as both employed and doing something else

- Employed either full-time or part-time (including self-employed, freelance, voluntary work or other unpaid work)..... ☐
- Unemployed and looking for work..... ☐
- Engaged in study or training..... ☐
- Doing something else (e.g. retired, travelling, maternity leave). PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW..... ☐

Q2 If you were doing more than one of these activities on 27 November 2006, which ONE do you regard as your MAIN activity?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Employed either full-time or part-time (including self-employed, freelance, voluntary work or other unpaid work)..... ○
- Unemployed and looking for work..... ○
- Engaged in study or training..... ○
- Doing something else (e.g. retired, travelling, maternity leave). PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW..... ○

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SECTION B Your employment on 27 November 2006

Only answer this section if you were employed on 27 November 2006, otherwise go to SECTION C.

Q3 When did you start the job that you had on 27 November 2006?

If you had more than one job on 27 November 2006 please think about the one that you regard as your MAIN job.

PLEASE WRITE IN

MONTH [ ] YEAR [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Q4 Which of the following best describes this employment?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Employed full-time ○
- Employed part-time ○
- Self-employed or freelance ○
- Voluntary work/other unpaid work ○

Q5 What is the name of the organisation you were working for on 27 November 2006?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

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Q6 What does the organisation you were working for mainly do?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

Please provide as much detail as possible.

For example, rather than "finance" WRITE IN "life insurance"

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Q7 What country was your place of work in?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- United Kingdom ○
- Outside the United Kingdom (PLEASE WRITE IN WHERE BELOW) ○

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Q7a If you were based in the UK, please write in the town, city or area where your place of work was based and the first part of your place of work's postcode?

PLEASE WRITE IN

TOWN / CITY / AREA [ ]

1ST PART OF POSTCODE IF IN UK [ ][ ][ ][ ]
(e.g. for Camberwell write in SE5; for Eastleigh, write in SO50, etc.)

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Q8 **What was your job title?**

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

Please provide as much detail as possible, outlining your main duties or responsibilities as appropriate. For example, rather than "supervisor", WRITE IN "customer service supervisor in a bank".

Q9 **Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed on 27 November 2006?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- On a permanent or open-ended contract ○
- On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer ○
- On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months ○
- Self-employed/freelance ○
- Temporarily, through an agency ○
- Temporarily, other than through an agency ○
- Employed on another basis (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) ○

Q10 **APPROXIMATELY, how many people work in the entire organisation** (i.e. all branches, departments, etc.)?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- 1 to 49 ○
- 50 to 249 ○
- 250 or more ○
- Don't know ○

Q11 **What was your approximate annual gross pay, before tax? You can either give this as an annual salary, or give a monthly, weekly or hourly rate.**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Please provide your answer in pounds sterling (£). If you are paid in another currency, please provide an approximate figure in pounds sterling.

If you were self-employed please indicate the amount of money that you paid yourself out of the business.

Please just state basic pay; do not include any bonuses or benefits in kind.

Salary £ _ _ _ _ _ _ . _ _

Period

- Annually ○
- Monthly ○
- Weekly ○
- Hourly ○
- Other (please write in) _____ ○

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Q12 **As far as you are aware, which of these factors were important to your employer when you gained this employment?**

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE FOR EACH FACTOR

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know
The type of qualification you obtained in 2002/2003 (e.g. BA, MSc, PhD, etc).....	○	○	○	○	○
The subject you studied.....	○	○	○	○	○
The class or grade of the qualification you obtained …….....	○	○	○	○	○
Evidence of skills and competencies.....	○	○	○	○	○

Q12a **And how important were the following factors?**

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE FOR EACH FACTOR

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not obtain any further qualifications
Any qualifications that you might have obtained after the one you got in 2002/2003.....	○	○	○	○	○	○

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not have any previous work experience
Relevant work experience from previous employment.....	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q13 **Why did you decide to take the job you were doing on 27 November 2006?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- It fitted into my career plans..... ☐
- It was exactly the type of work I wanted..... ☐
- It was the best job offer I received..... ☐
- It was the only job offer I received..... ☐
- It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation..... ☐
- To gain experience in order to get the type of job I really want..... ☐
- To see if I would like the type of work it involved..... ☐
- To broaden my experience/to develop general skills..... ☐
- In order to pay off debts..... ☐
- In order to earn a living..... ☐
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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- Don't know / can't remember..... ☐

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Q14 How did you find out about this job?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Careers Service at the institution(s) at which you studied/or its website..... ☐
- Other careers service/or its website..... ☐
- Employer's website..... ☐
- Newspaper/magazine advertisement/or its website..... ☐
- Recruitment agency office or website..... ☐
- Already/previously worked for the organisation..... ☐
- Personal contacts, including family and friends, social, work or education network..... ☐
- Speculative approach to employer..... ☐
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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- Don't remember..... ☐

SECTION C

Your study, training or research on 27 November 2006

Only answer this section if you were engaged in study, training or research on 27 November 2006, otherwise go to SECTION D.

Q15 When did you start the course of study, training or research you were engaged in on 27 November 2006?

PLEASE WRITE IN MONTH [ ] YEAR [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Q16 Were you studying full-time or part-time?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Full-time..... ○
- Part-time ..... ○

Q17 What is the full name of the institution or organisation with which you were registered?

PLEASE WRITE IN

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Q17a And is this is a...?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- University..... ○
- College of Further Education..... ○
- Private training company..... ○
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ○

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Q18 **Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○
- First degree (for example BA, BSc)..... ○
- Other diploma or certificate..... ○
- Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○
- Other qualification (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ○

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- Not aiming for a qualification..... ○

Q19 **What subject area were you studying, training or researching on 27 November 2006?**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Q20 **Which of the following best describes the study, training or research you were undertaking on 27 November 2006?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Registered as a research student..... ○
- Registered on a taught course..... ○
- Preparing a professional portfolio of my work to submit for accreditation..... ○
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ○

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Q21 **What is the length in total of this course of study, training or research?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Less than 6 months..... ○
- 6 months to less than 1 year..... ○
- Between 1 year and 3 years..... ○
- More than 3 years..... ○
- Don't know..... ○

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Q22 **Please indicate the funding source(s) for this course of study, training or research?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award)..... ☐
- My employer provided financial support..... ☐
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ☐
- Through some other source of funding (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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Q23 **IF YOU MENTIONED MORE THAN ONE SOURCE OF FUNDING AT Q22, please indicate which ONE of these you consider to be the MAIN source of funding for this course of study, training or research?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award)..... ○
- My employer provided financial support..... ○
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○
- Through some other source of funding ..... ○

Q24 **Why did you decide to undertake further study, training or research?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- To change or improve my career options..... ☐
- To develop a broader range of skills or knowledge..... ☐
- To develop a more specialist set of skills or knowledge..... ☐
- Because I was interested in the content of the course..... ☐
- Because I had enjoyed my first course..... ☐
- I wanted to continue studying..... ☐
- I had been unable to find a suitable job..... ☐
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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SECTION D Other qualifications

Everyone should complete this section.

Q25 Did you obtain any other qualifications between the time you completed your course in the academic year 2002/03 and 27 November 2006?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes..... ○ ANSWER THE REST OF THIS SECTION

No..... ○ GO TO SECTION E

Q25a How many other separate qualifications did you obtain?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

One..... ○

Two..... ○

Three..... ○

More than three (PLEASE WRITE IN THE NUMBER OF QUALIFICATIONS BELOW)..... ○

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Q26 IF YOU OBTAINED OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AFTER COMPLETING YOUR COURSE IN 2002/03, please provide details for each additional qualification below. Please give the subject area of the qualification and then the type of qualification it was and how you MAINLY funded your studies.

Qualification 1

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND INDICATE THE TYPE OF QUALIFICATION YOU GAINED AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS STUDY BY TICKING ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN

Qualification Subject Area [ ]

QUALIFICATION

Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○

Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○

Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○

First degree (for example BA, BSc) ○

Other diploma or certificate..... ○

Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○

Other qualification ..... ○

MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING

Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award)..... ○

My employer provided financial support..... ○

Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○

Through some other source of funding..... ○

REFERENCE NO. [ ]

Qualification 2

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND INDICATE THE TYPE OF QUALIFICATION YOU GAINED AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS STUDY BY TICKING ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN

Qualification Subject Area

QUALIFICATION

- Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○
- First degree (for example BA, BSc) ○
- Other diploma or certificate..... ○
- Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○
- Other qualification ..... ○

MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award)..... ○
- My employer provided financial support..... ○
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○
- Through some other source of funding..... ○

Qualification 3

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND INDICATE THE TYPE OF QUALIFICATION YOU GAINED AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS STUDY BY TICKING ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN

Qualification Subject Area

QUALIFICATION

- Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○
- First degree (for example BA, BSc) ○
- Other diploma or certificate..... ○
- Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○
- Other qualification ..... ○

MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award)..... ○
- My employer provided financial support..... ○
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○
- Through some other source of funding..... ○

SECTION E

What have you been doing since finishing your course in 2002/03?

Everyone should complete this section.

Q27 **In total, how many jobs did you have between graduating in the academic year 2002/2003 and 27 November 2006 including the job you were doing on 27 November 2006 if you were working at this point?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

If you have changed jobs within an organisation, or were promoted, please count these as SEPARATE jobs.

Please include part-time, self-employed, freelance, voluntary or other unpaid jobs

Please include any jobs that you started before or during your course

If there have been times where you have undertaken consecutive periods of employment through one or more temping agencies (for example, if from July 2003 – January 2004 you were registered with an agency/agencies and assigned temping posts), please count this as ONE job

- None ○
- One job ○
- Two jobs ○
- Three jobs ○
- Four jobs ○
- Five jobs ○
- More than five jobs (PLEASE WRITE IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS BELOW) ○

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Q28 **Have you ever been unemployed for a period lasting one month or more, but you were seeking work, since you graduated in the academic year 2002/03? (regardless of whether or not you were claiming benefits during this period)?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Yes ○ ANSWER Q29
- No ○ GO TO SECTION F

Q29 **If you have been unemployed for any periods longer than one month, how many separate periods of unemployment lasting one month or more have you had?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- One ○
- Two ○
- Three ○
- Four ○
- Five ○
- More than five (PLEASE WRITE IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS BELOW) ○

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Q30 **If you have been unemployed for any periods longer than one month, in total, how many months would you say these periods of unemployment add up to?**

NUMBER OF MONTHS [ ]

REFERENCE NO. [ ]

SECTION F Satisfaction

Everyone should complete this section.

Q31 If you were now to choose whether or not to do the course leading to the qualification you obtained in 2002/03, how likely or unlikely is it that you would...?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION FOR EACH ROW

	Very likely	Likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Don't know
Do a different subject?.....	○	○	○	○	○
Study at a different institution?.....	○	○	○	○	○
Work towards a different type of qualification (e.g. BA, MSc, PhD)?.....	○	○	○	○	○
Decide to do something other than training, study or research?.....	○	○	○	○	○

Q32 Given what you have told us so far, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your career to date?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Very satisfied..... ○

Fairly satisfied..... ○

Not very satisfied..... ○

Not at all satisfied..... ○

Not applicable..... ○

REFERENCE NO. [ ]

SECTION G Your contact details

Everyone should complete this section.

Q33 Are you willing for YouGov / IFF Research to pass on your contact details to the university/college you left in 2002/03, if they are different to the ones we already hold for you, so that they can update their records? These contact details may be used by your institution to undertake further research or to contact you with information or news about the institution in the future.

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes, willing for contact details to be passed on ..... ○

No, not willing ..... ○

Q34 Your university/college may like to contact you in connection with the information you have given us. Would you be prepared for this to happen?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes, willing for contact by university/college ..... ○

No, not willing ..... ○

Q35 Are you interested in viewing the results of this research? If so, we can email you an individual login and password which will allow you to view these. Would you like us to do this?

Yes ..... ○

No ..... ○

Q36 If you are willing to be re-contacted for ANY of the reasons given above please complete the information below. You will only be recontacted for the purposes you have given permission for above. You need only provide your address if different to the one on the front of the letter we have sent you. Many thanks.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Home telephone number (including code) _____

E-mail address _____

Q37 Finally, do you have any further comments? Is there anything else you have done since completing your course in 2002/03 that you would like to tell us about?

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.
Please return it to YouGov / IFF Research in the reply-paid envelope provided.
You do not need to use a stamp.

REFERENCE NO. _____