Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education

2005/06

Questionnaire

Please complete/amend details as appropriate.

Name

Address

Postcode Tel.

Institution attended

Title of course studied

You have been sent this questionnaire because you have completed a higher education qualification between 1 August and 31 December 2005.

Further information on the purpose of the survey and the use that will be made of the information you provide is included in the letter you received with this questionnaire.

'Tick boxes' which look like this ◯ require you to tick ONE ANSWER ONLY for those questions.

'Tick boxes' which look like this ☐ require you to tick ALL THE ANSWERS WHICH APPLY TO YOU.

Section A

What were you doing on 24 April 2006?

Please tick one box only for each of Questions 1 & 2

Q1 Which of the following statements best describes your employment circumstances on 24 April 2006?

- I was employed full-time in paid work ◯ (01)
- I was employed part-time in paid work ◯ (02)
- I was self-employed/freelance ◯ (03)
- I was doing voluntary work/other unpaid work ◯ (15)
- I was permanently unable to work/retired ◯ (16)
- I was temporarily sick or unable to work/looking after the home or family ◯ (17)
- I was taking time out in order to travel ◯ (10)
- I was due to start a job within the next month ◯ (11)
- I was unemployed and looking for employment, further study or training ◯ (12)
- I was NOT employed but NOT looking for employment, further study or training ◯ (13)
- I was doing something else ◯ (14)

Q2 On 24 April 2006 were you involved in either full-time or part-time study, training or research?

- Yes - full-time ◯ (1)
- Yes - part-time ◯ (2)
- No ◯ (3)

SECTION B

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Numbers indicate question numbers and coding fields.

Q1/F5 ☐☐

Q2/F6 ☐

Section B

Your employment on 24 April 2006

If you had more than one job on 2

If you were not in work on 24 April 2006, please tick ◯ and go to Section C. Otherwise continue with Secti

EXAMPLE ANSWER
Maintaining and updating company intranet

Q3 What was your job title?

Q4 Briefly describe your duties.

Remember, please tick a that apply fo type of ques

Q5 Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed on 24 April 2006?

- On a permanent or open-ended contract ◯ (1)
- On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer ◯ (2)
- On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months ◯ (3)
- Self-employed/freelance ◯ (4)
- Temporarily, through an agency ◯ (5)
- Temporarily, other than through an agency ◯ (6)
- Other ◯ (8)

EXAMPLE AN
Well paid; right locatio

Q6 What was your annual pay to the nearest thousand £, before tax? If you were employed for less than a year or were part-time, please estimate your pay to the full-time annual equivalent.

£ _____ I do not wish to give this information ◯

Q7 What is the name of the organisation you were working for?

EXAMPLE ANSWERS
Manufactures shoes OR sells shoes

Q8 What does the organisation you were working for mainly do?

EXAMPLE AN
Notice board University

Q9 Where was your place of work, and, if in the UK, what is its postcode?

TOWN/AREA/COUNTRY _____ POSTCODE _____

Q10 Approximately how many people work in the entire organisation (i.e. all branches, depts etc.)?

1 to 49 ◯ (1) 50 to 249 ◯ (2) 250 or more ◯ (3) Don't know ◯ (8)

Q11 Would you have been able to get the job you were doing on 24 April 2006 without the qualification you have recently obtained (the actual qualification, not the subject of study)?

- No: the qualification was a formal requirement ◯ (1)
- No: successful applicants were expected to have the qualification ◯ (2)
- Possibly: but the qualification did give me an advantage ◯ (3)
- Yes ◯ (4)
- Don't know ◯ (8)

Q13

Section C

Further study, training or research

If you were not undertaking study, training or research on 24 April 2006, please tick ◯ and go to Section

Q19 Which of the following best describes the study, training or research you were undertaking on 24 April 2006?

- Registered as a research student ◯ (1) Q21
- Registered on a course ◯ (2) Q20
- Preparing a professional portfolio of my work ◯ (3)
- Engaged in private, unsupervised study ◯ (4)

Q23

EXAMPLE ANSWER
MSc in Interactive Media

Q20 What was the name of the course you were registered on?

Q22

Q21 What subject area were you studying, training or researching?

EXAMPLE ANSWERS
King's College, London
Manchester Metropolitan

Q22 What is the name of the institution at which you were registered?

Q23 Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for?

- Higher degree, mainly by research (PhD, DPhil, MPhil etc.) ◯ (01)
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (MA, MSc etc.) ◯ (02)
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (including PGCE) ◯ (03)
- First degree (BA, BSc etc.) ◯ (04)
- Other diploma or certificate ◯ (05)
- Professional qualification, e.g. Accountancy ◯ (06)
- Other qualification ◯ (07)
- Not aiming for a qualification ◯ (98)

Q25

24 April 2006, please tell us about your main job, whether paid or unpaid.
on B.

Q12 **As far as you are aware, what was more important to your employer about your qualification, the subject(s) you studied or the level of study?**

- The subject(s) studied (1)
- The level of study (2)
- Both were equally important (3)
- Don't know (8)

Q13 **Why did you decide to take the job you were doing on 24 April 2006?**

- It fitted into my career plan/it was exactly the type of work I wanted (F17)
- It was the best job offer I received/only job offer I received (F18)
- It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation (F19)
- To gain experience in order to get the type of job I really want (F20)
- To see if I would like the type of work it involved (F21)
- To broaden my experience/to develop general skills (F22)
- In order to pay off debts (F23)
- In order to earn a living (F24)

Q14 **What other reasons did you have for taking the job you were doing on 24 April 2006?**

If none, please tick here

Q15 **How did you find out about this job?**

- Own institution's Careers Service (1)
- Newspaper/magazine advertisement (2)
- Employer's website (3)
- Recruitment agency/website (4)
- Personal contacts, including family and friends, networking (5)
- Speculative application (6)
- Don't remember (7)
- Other (8)

Q16 **In what other ways did you find out about this job?**

If none, please tick here

Q17 **Thinking still about your employer on 24 April 2006: did you work for this employer before or during the programme of study you recently completed?**

- Yes - before my programme of study (1)
- Yes - during my programme of study (2)
- Yes – both before and during my programme of study (3)
- No (4)

SECTION C

Q18 **In which of the ways listed below did you work for this employer?**

- On a sandwich placement (F27)
- On another kind of placement or project work (F28)
- As a holiday job (F29)
- Full-time or part-time work all year round (F30)
- Full-time or part-time during term time (F31)
- In other ways (F32)

SECTION C

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Q3&4/F11
Q5/F13
Q6/F14
Q7&8/F8
Q9/F9
Q10/F12
Q11/F15
Q12/F16
Q15/F25
Q17/F26

D. Otherwise continue with Section C.

Q24 **Which professional qualification or other qualification were you aiming for?**

Q25 **Why did you decide to undertake further study, training or research?**

- Because it was a requirement of my employment on 24 April 2006 that I did (F37)
- To develop a broader or more specialist range of skills or knowledge (F38)
- To change or improve my career options (F39)
- Because I was interested in the content of the course (F40)
- Because I had enjoyed my first course and wanted to continue studying (F41)
- I wanted to go on being a student/I wanted to postpone job hunting (F42)
- I had been unable to find a suitable job (F43)

Q26 **What other reasons did you have for undertaking further study, training or research?**

If none, please tick here

Q27 **How did you mainly fund your study, training or research?**

- Self-funding e.g. savings/loans/employment (1)
- Grant/Award e.g. Research Council Studentship/LEA Award for PGCE (2)
- Sponsorship (4)
- My employer provided financial support (5)
- Other (8)

SECTION D

Q19/F33
Q20&21/F34
Q22/F35
Q23/F36
Q27/F46

Section D

Newly qualified teachers If you successfully completed a course of initial teacher training or pre-service teacher training leading to UK Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) between 1 August 2005 and 31 December 2005 please complete this section. If you did not study either of these please tick ◯ (9) and go to Section E.

Do not answer this if you were teaching in Northern Ireland

Q28 Were you employed as a teacher on 24 April 2006?

Yes ◯ (3) No ◯ Q31

Q29 Were you teaching in a maintained (state) or non-maintained (independent) school or college?

- Maintained (state) school or college ◯ (1)
- Non-maintained (independent) school or college ◯ (2)
- Both maintained (state) and non-maintained (independent) school or college ◯ (3)
- Not known ◯ (4)

Q30 Were you teaching at the primary or secondary phase or in a college or other educational establishment?

- Primary ◯ (1)
- Secondary ◯ (2)
- Both primary and secondary ◯ (3)
- College (e.g. FE, 6th Form) or other educational establishment ◯ (4) SECTION E

Q31 Were you seeking a teaching post on 24 April 2006?

Yes ◯ (1) No ◯ (2) SECTION E

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Q28/F47 ☐
Q29/F48 ☐
Q30/F49 ☐
Q31/F47 ☐

Section E

Part-time qualifiers only If you got the qualification you were awarded last academic year wholly or mostly by full-time study, please tick ◯ and go to Section F. Otherwise continue with Section E.

Q32 Thinking back to when you started the course you completed last year: which of the following best describes what motivated you to take the course?

- I thought it would help me to get on in my career or job ◯ (1)
- I thought it would help me to change careers or jobs ◯ (2)
- I was interested in the subject matter of the course ◯ (3)
- Other reason ◯ (9)

Q33 Were you employed during your course or immediately before it?

Yes ◯ (1) No ◯ (0) SECTION F

Q34 Did the employer you worked with before or during your course give you support during all or part of your course?

- Yes: my tuition fees were paid ☐ (F52)
- Yes: I was given a grant to cover my tuition fees and living expenses ☐ (F53)
- Yes: I was given study leave ☐ (F54)
- Yes: I was supported in other ways ☐ (F55)
- No: my employer did not support me in any way ☐ (F56) SECTION F

Q32/F50 ☐
Q33/F51 ☐

Section F

Before you submit this form, please take a few minutes to ensure that you have completed ALL the questions which apply to you, and that you have completed them accurately. Thank you.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please sign it and date it, and return it to us in the envelope provided.

Please use this box for your signature

Date here

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