Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education

2006/07

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 January and 31 July 2007.

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 will you be doing on 14 January 2008?

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

Q1 **Which of the following statements best describes your employment circumstances on 14 January 2008?**

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

Q2 **On 14 January 2008 will you be 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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Q1/F5 ☐☐

Q2/F6 ☐

Section B

Your employment on 14 January 2008

If you will have more than one

If you will not be in work on 14 January 2008, please tick ◯ and go to Section C. Otherwise continue with S

EXAMPLE ANSWER
Maintaining and updating company intranet

Q3 What will your job title be?

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 will be employed on 14 January 2008?

- 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 will your annual pay be to the nearest thousand £, before tax? If you will be employed for less than a year or will be 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 will be working for?

EXAMPLE ANSWERS
Manufactures shoes
OR
Sells shoes

Q8 What does the organisation you will be working for mainly do?

EXAMPLE AN
Notice board
University

Q9 Where will your place of work be, 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 will be doing on 14 January 2008 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 will not be undertaking study, training or research on 14 January 2008, please tick ◯ and go to Sec

Q19 Which of the following best describes the study, training or research you will be undertaking on 14 January 2008?

- 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 is the name of the course you will be registered on? Q22

Q21 What subject area will you be studying, training or researching?

EXAMPLE ANSWERS
King's College, London
Manchester Metropolitan

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

Q23 Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you will be 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

e job on 14 January 2008, please tell us about your main job, whether paid or unpaid.
Section 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 will be doing on 14 January 2008?**

- 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 deciding to take the job you will be doing on 14 January 2008?**

☐ 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 14 January 2008: 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 these 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 ☐

ction D. Otherwise continue with Section C.

Q24 **Which professional qualification or other qualification will you be aiming for?**

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

- Because it was a requirement of my employment on 14 January 2008 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 deciding to undertake further study, training or research?**

☐ If none, please tick here ◯

Q27 **How will you be mainly funding 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 January and 31 July 2007 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 will be teaching in Northern Ireland

Q28 Will you be employed as a teacher on 14 January 2008?

Yes ◯ (3) No ◯ Q31

Q29 Will you be 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 Will you be 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 Will you be seeking a teaching post on 14 January 2008?

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 for 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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