Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education 2008/09 April 2009

Please complete/amend details as appropriate.

Name			
Address			
Postcode		Telephone	
Email			
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 2008.

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 20 April 2009?

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

Q1 Which of the following statements best describes your employment circumstances on 20 April 2009?

- 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 20 April 2009 were you involved in either full-time or part-time study or training, or registered as a research student?

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

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Q1/F5 ☐☐

Q2/F6 ☐

Section B Your employment on 20 April 2009. If you were engaged in employment (including voluntary or other unpaid work) on 20 April 2009 please continue with this section, if not go to Section C. If you had more than one job on 20 April 2009, please tell us about your main job.

Q3 What was your job title?

Q4 Briefly describe your duties e.g. maintaining and updating company intranet

Q5 Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed on 20 April 2009?

- 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 (tick self-employed/freelance if you ticked this at Q1) ○ (4)
- Temporarily, through an agency ○ (5)
- Temporarily, other than through an agency ○ (6)
- Other ○ (8)

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.

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I do not wish to give this information ○

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

Q8 Is this organisation part of the NHS?

Yes ○ (1) No ○ (2) Don't know ○ (8)

Q9 What does the organisation you were working for mainly do? (e.g. manufactures shoes or sells shoes)

Q10 Where was your place of work and, if in the UK, what is its postcode?

TOWN/AREA/COUNTRY POSTCODE

Q11 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)

Q12 Would you have been able to get the job you were doing on 20 April 2009 without the qualification you recently obtained (the actual qualification, not the subject of study)?

- No: the qualification was a formal requirement/expected ○ (5)
- Possibly: but the qualification did give me an advantage ○ (3)
- Yes ○ (4) GO TO Q14
- Don't know ○ (8)

Q13 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)

Q14 Why did you decide to take the job you were doing on 20 April 2009? (Please tick all that apply)

- 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 see if I would like the type of work it involved ☐ (F21)
- To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want ☐ (F59)
- In order to earn a living/pay off debts ☐ (F60)
- It was in the right location ☐ (F61)
- The job was well-paid ☐ (F62)

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) Already worked there ○ (9)
Don't remember ○ (7) Other ○ (8)

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Q3&4/F11 ☐☐☐☐☐
Q5/F13 ☐
Q6/F14 ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐
Q7&9/F65 ☐☐☐☐
Q8/F58 ☐
Q10/F9 ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐
Q11/F12 ☐
Q12/F15 ☐
Q13/F16 ☐
Q15/F25 ☐

Section B continued

Q16 **Thinking still about your employer on 20 April 2009: 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) GO TO SECTION C

Q17 **In which of the ways listed below did you work for this employer?** (Please tick all that apply)

- On a training/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 work during term time (F31)
- In other ways (F32)

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Q16/F26

Section C Your further study, training or research on 20 April 2009.

If you were undertaking further study or training, or were registered as a research student on 20 April 2009 please continue with this section. If not go to Section D.

Q18 **Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were studying, training or researching on 20 April 2009?**

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

Q18/F33

Q19 **Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for?**

- Higher degree, mainly by research (PhD, DPhil, MPhil etc.) (01) GO TO Q21
- 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)

Q19/F36

Q20 **What was the name of the course you were registered on?** (e.g. MSc in Interactive Media)

Q20&21/F34

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

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

Q22/F35

Q23 **Why did you decide to undertake further study, training or research?** (Please tick all that apply)

- Because it was a requirement of my employment on 20 April 2009 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)
- Other (F63)

Q24 **How did you mainly fund your study, training or research?**

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

Q24/F46

Section D Qualified teacher status only.

Did the qualification you completed between 1 August 2008 and 31 December 2008 give you newly qualified teacher status? If not, please tick ● (9) and go to **Section E**, otherwise please continue with this section.

Q25 **Were you employed as a teacher on 20 April 2009?**

Yes ○ (3) No ○ GO TO Q28

Q26 **Were you teaching in a maintained (state) or non-maintained (independent) school or college?**
Do not answer if you were teaching in Northern Ireland

- 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)

Q27 **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)

Q28 **Were you seeking a teaching post on 20 April 2009?**

Yes ○ (1) No ○ (2)

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Q25/F47 ☐
Q26/F48 ☐
Q27/F49 ☐
Q28/F47 ☐

Section E Did you gain your qualification in 2008 by studying part-time?

If the qualification you obtained between 1 August 2008 and 31 December 2008 was achieved by studying part-time please continue with this section. If not please go to **Section F**.

Q29 **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)

Q30 **Were you employed during your course or immediately before it?**

Yes ○ (1) No ○ (0) GO TO SECTION F

Q31 **Did the employer you worked for before or during your course give you support during all or part of your course?** (Please tick all that apply)

- 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)

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Q29/F50 ☐
Q30/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.

Please sign and date the form below:

Your signature

Date
dd/mm/yyyy

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

You may be contacted as part of a follow-up survey planned for three years time. If you do not want to be included please tick here ☐

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