Graduate Outcomes Survey

# Data items

The code book lists the data items for return to the HEA.

* Where possible, coding is the same as the SRS.
* **All graduates** included within the survey cohort should be returned to the HEA. This will include those graduates that have not responded to the survey.

## Graduate SRS Record

The first 16 fields to be returned should match with the graduate’s SRS record, and return personal and course information for each graduate:

1. PPSN: Coding as per SRS
2. Student ID: Coding as per SRS
3. Date of birth: Coding as per SRS
4. County code: Coding as per SRS
5. Domiciliary code: Coding as per SRS
6. Gender: Coding as per SRS
7. Mode: Coding as per SRS
8. Grade: Coding as per SRS
9. Institute Name: Coding as per SRS
10. Course name: Coding as per SRS
11. ISCED information: Coding as per SRS
12. NFQ Level: Coding as per SRS
13. Progtype code : Coding as per SRS
14. Year of graduation: Coding as per SRS

Note that for the 2018 survey, the “Year of graduation” should be 2017.

## Year of Survey and Response

The next two fields relate to the year of the survey and whether or not the graduate has responded to the survey.

1. Return Year: This should be ‘2018’ for all graduates for the 2018 survey.
2. Response: The coding of this field is explained in the “Cohort to be surveyed” guidance.
   * If “Response” = 1, this means that the graduate answered the survey and the next two fields must be populated; and some other subsequent fields.
   * If “Response” = 2, this means that the graduate did not answer the survey and **all subsequent fields are left blank**
   * If “Response” = 3, this means that the graduate is a continuing student from a level 6 or level 7 programme and administrative data is being used to populate their return. They should return ‘4’ or ‘5’ under Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST and should be blank under Principal\_Economic\_Status\_ALL.

## Section 1: Your Current Situation

The next two fields relate to the *Section 1: Your Current Situation* of the survey, asking the graduate what their current situation is. This question determines what questions the graduate is directed to in the rest of the survey.

1. Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST: This takes the following values:

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| 1 | Working full-time | If selected, go to Section 2 |
| 2 | Working part-time | If selected, go to Section 2 |
| 3 | Due to start a job in the next 3 months | If selected, go to Section 2 |
| 4 | Engaged in full-time further study or training | If selected, go to Section 3 |
| 5 | Engaged in part-time further study or training | If selected, go to Section 3 |
| 6 | Unemployed and looking for work | If selected, go to Section 4 |
| 7 | Other Activity (e.g. engaged in home duties, retired from employment, unable to work due to illness or disability, travelling, volunteering etc.) | If selected, go to Section 4 |

1. Principal\_Economic\_Status\_ALL: This will require coding of responses based on the answers to Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST

For those graduates with a “Response” of ‘3’, the value should be ‘4’ or ‘5’ depending on the mode of study of the graduate.

## Section 2: Employment

These fields relate to responses to Section 2: Employment in the survey. Graduates who indicate that they are in employment in Section 1 of the survey are directed here. Therefore these fields should be populated where “Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘1’ or ‘2’ or ‘3’.

1. Job\_Title: This field will accept an empty response.
2. Occupation\_Broad
3. Organisation: This field will accept an empty response.
4. Employment\_Where
5. Employment\_Ireland: Note the coding matches with the SRS for County of Origin. This field should be populated if “Employment\_Where” = 1.
6. Employment\_Overseas: Note the coding matches with the SRS for Domiciliary (excluding Ireland as an option). This field should be populated if “Employment\_Where” = 2.
7. Sector\_Broad
8. Employment\_Type: Note that those who respond as ‘2’ have an empty response under “Contract”
9. Contract
10. Salary
11. Internship: Note that those who respond as ‘5’ have an empty response under “Intership\_Time”
12. Internship\_Time
13. Relevance\_Level: This field will accept an empty response.
14. Relevance\_Area: This field will accept an empty response.
15. Need\_For\_Qual: This field will accept an empty response.
16. Find\_Out\_About\_Job: This field will accept an empty response.

## Section 3: Further Study or Training

These fields relate to responses to Section 3: Further Study or Training in the survey. Graduates who indicate that they are in further study in Section 1 of the survey are directed here. Therefore these fields should be populated where “Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘4’ or ‘5’.

1. Institution\_Where
2. Institution\_Ireland: Note the coding matches with the SRS for County of Origin. This field should be populated if “Institution\_Where” = 1.
3. Institution\_Overseas: Note the coding matches with the SRS for Domiciliary (excluding Ireland as an option). This field should be populated if “Institution\_Where” = 2.
4. Further\_Institution: This field will accept an empty response.
5. Further\_Course: This field will accept an empty response.
6. Further\_ISCED
7. Award\_Sought
8. Further\_Mode
9. Why\_Do\_Further\_Study: This field will accept an empty response.

For those level 6 and 7 continuing graduates who have been assigned “Response” = ‘3’, the institute may populate their data using administrative records as far as “Award Sought”. There should be no response under “Why\_Do\_Further\_Study” for graduates with “Response” = 3.

## Section 4: Unemployed/Looking for work and Other Activity

These fields relate to responses to Section 4: Unemployed/Looking for work and Other Activity in the survey. Graduates who indicate that they are in unemployed/looking for work (“Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘6’) or engaged in Another Activity (“Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘7’) in Section 1 of the survey are directed here. Therefore these fields should be populated where “Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘6’ or ‘7’.

1. Other\_Activity\_A: This should be populated if (“Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘6’). The graduate should then skip to “Barriers” and have an empty under “Other\_Activity\_B”.
2. Other\_Activity\_B: This should be populated if (“Principal\_Economic\_Status\_MOST” = ‘7’)
3. Barriers: This field is optional and can be left empty.

## Section 5: Experience of Higher Education

All graduates surveyed are directed to these questions.

1. Same\_Qual: This field will accept an empty response.
2. Same\_Area: This field will accept an empty response.

## Section 6: Contact Details

All graduates surveyed are directed to these questions.

1. Follow\_Up