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. It can also mean that the graduate is at level 8, 9 or 10 and is continuing in education within their institution. In this case the graduate has received the survey, and despite attempts on the part of the HEI, has not responded to the survey; so 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