Graduate Outcomes Survey

# Cohort of graduates to be considered

All **full-time and part-time, in person and online,** graduates of **major** awards should be included, and the cohort is identified as being those who graduated in **2025**. Graduates from a campus overseas awarded by Irish institutions should *not* be surveyed (SRS Non-standard attendance code ‘OS’)

Graduation year should be 2025, aligned with SRS Academic Year = ‘2024/2025’.

Return Year will be ‘2026’.

Only graduates of [**Major Awards**](https://www.qqi.ie/sites/default/files/2024-08/a-brief-guide-to-the-irish-national-framework-of-qualifications-nfq.pdf) should be included in the survey returns to the HEA. Please see below the relevant major awards for your Institution.

## Cohort to be Surveyed - Institutes of Technology/Technological Universities/Other Institutions

Graduates of the following major awards only should be included in the survey returns to the HEA:

* Level 6 Higher Certificate
* Level 7 Ordinary Bachelor’s Degree
* Level 8 Honours Bachelor’s Degree
* Level 8 Higher Diploma
* Level 9 Postgraduate Diploma
* Level 9 Masters Taught/Research Degree
* Level 10 Doctoral Degree

## Cohort to be surveyed (Universities/Other HEA Institutions and Specialist Colleges)

Graduates of the following major awards only should be included in the survey returns to the HEA:

* Level 8 Honours Bachelor’s Degree
* Level 8 Higher Diploma
* Level 9 Postgraduate Diploma
* Level 9 Masters Taught/Research Degree
* Level 10 Doctoral Degree

## Graduates from Level 6 and Level 7 programmes (Institutes of Technology/Technological Universities)

The following applies to graduates of level 6 and level 7 programmes progressing to higher levels in Institutes of Technology and Technological Universities to ensure the completeness of the record for graduates of these programmes:

1. Graduates of level 6 who are continuing on the ladder system to level 7/8 within their institute should not be surveyed.
2. Graduates of level 7 programmes who are continuing on the ladder system to level 8 within their institute should not be surveyed.
3. These graduates should instead be given a “Response” field code of ‘3’ in the data return file.
4. Their further study details should be added to their data return file (responses to questions in Section 3 of the survey, Q3A1 – Q3F).
5. Their full-time or part-time study details should be added to their return file under Q1 for “Principal Economic Status - MOST”. Although it is possible that, if surveyed, a graduate might not indicate that full-time or part-time study is their main activity amongst a range of activities, it is the only means by which the full-time or part-time nature of further study or training can be returned in the file and reporting on this will reflect this caveat.

## Graduates from level 8, 9 and 10 programmes (all HEIs)

All graduates of major awards at Levels 8, 9 or 10 should be surveyed.  Graduates of level 8, 9 or 10 programmes who are engaged in further study within the same institution should not have their survey responses pre-populated using the institution’s academic or other records.  However, once the survey fieldwork period has elapsed and all survey responses have been collected, the institution may populate the survey return for remaining graduates in further study within the institution who have not responded to the survey.  A “Response” field code of ‘4’ **must** be recorded, and their further study details should be added to their data return file (responses to questions in Section 3 of the survey, Q3A1 – Q3F). Their full-time or part-time study details should be added to their return file under Q1 for “Principal Economic Status - MOST”.

## Medical Interns (universities with Medical Education)

All medical education graduates pursuing medical internships **should** be surveyed as part of the graduate outcomes survey cohort.  Full-time employment details should not be filled in on their behalf by the institution.