Graduate Outcomes Survey

# Change Log December 2023: 2024 graduate survey (comparison with 2023 graduate survey)

This document lists the changes to the 2024 guidance, cohort to be surveyed, graduate survey, codebook, and data items in comparison to the 2023 graduate survey.

## 2. Guidance for HEIs

The data return deadline will be the first Friday of September (first upload) and the third Friday of September (sign-off).  This is reflective of updated Data Sharing Agreements between the HEA and HEIs.

Guidance previously given in *5b Data items* has been included in *2. Guidance for HEIs* noting the potential inaccurate coding of non-response. This is not a change to guidance, but rather a reiteration of guidance from earlier years placed more prominently in this document.

It is noted that PPSNs continue to be required and are reflective of updated Data Sharing Agreements between the HEA and HEIs.

It is also noted that the Graduate Outcomes Survey is a national survey and questions should remain consistent between HEIs to ensure comparability at national level.

## 3. Cohort to be surveyed

No changes.

However, universities are reminded that Medical Interns are to be surveyed as part of the Graduate Outcomes survey and details should not be filled in on their behalf by the institution.

## 4. Graduate Outcomes Survey

No changes.

## 5a. Graduate Outcomes Survey Code Book

No changes.

## 5b. Data items

No changes.

## 6. Graduate Outcomes Survey Audit Process document

This document is to assist HEIs with the annual audit process, to explain the purpose of an audit, and to ensure that scrutiny is made by all appropriate staff before sign-off.

Any HEI with a response rate of 30% or less will have their additional audit reviews carried out due to the difficulty in reporting on a reduced sample size, and implications for the representativeness of the data. It should be noted that nearly all HEIs currently exceed this 30% threshold, with the national average response rate being just over 50% with some HEIs with response rates of 80%.

Continued audit checks will take place on the following fields:

* A full listing of Job Titles (Q2.A) and Employer names (Q2.C) will now be provided as part of the audit. This is a more detailed check than in previous years to ensure that missing data in these fields is discovered before the sign-off of data.
* Audit files for Q5.A will now be provided. This is an audit check, to ensure that HEIs can monitor any changes in trends before sign-off of data.