

# Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies

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# PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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## Section A – General Information

A\_R01      Now I would like to ask you some questions about your background, including questions about your country of birth, language, education, work and other general questions. Please try to answer each question as accurately and as completely as possible. I will be recording your answers in the computer. I would like to start with some general questions.

A\_Q01a      Can you please tell me in which year you were born?

00      Year: [Free Text Entry] { 1945 ; 1996 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

A\_Q01b      And in which month were you born?

01      January

02      February

03      March

04      April

05      May

06      June

07      July

08      August

09      September

10      October

11      November

12      December

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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A\_N01      Is the respondent male or female?

01      Male

02      Female

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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## Section B – Education and training

B\_R01a I would now like to ask you some questions about your education.

B\_Q01aIE What is the highest level of education or training that you have successfully completed?

- 01 No formal education or training \ Pre-primary education (or FETAC certificate at NFQ level 1)
- 02 Primary education (or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 2)
- 03 Secondary 1 (Junior/Inter/Group Certificate, NCVA foundation Certificate, FAS IAS Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 3)
- 04 Transition year programme
- 05 Secondary 2 (Leaving Certificate, traditional, vocational applied)
- 06 Technical or Vocational (e.g. Secretarial courses, Certificate in Hotel Operations, PLCs, FAS National Skills/Specific Skills Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 4 & 5)
- 07 Advanced Certificate (Completed apprenticeships, Teagasc Farming or Horticulture Certificate, National Craft Certificate or FETAC Advanced certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 08 Higher Certificate (e.g. National Certificate (NCEA/DIT/IOT), Cadetship (army, air corps or naval service), Diploma in Police Studies or HETAC/DIT Higher Certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 09 Diploma (e.g. National Diploma (HETAC/NCEA), Bachelor Degree (DIT), 3 year Diploma or Ordinary Bachelor Degree at NFQ level 7)
- 10 Honours Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma (or Higher Diploma at NFQ level 8)
- 11 Professional (Honours Bachelor Degree equivalent or higher)
- 12 Post-Graduate (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma at NFQ level 9, Masters Degree (taught or researched) at NFQ level 9)
- 13 Doctorate or higher (e.g. Doctoral Degree/higher Doctorate at NFQ level 10)
- 14 Foreign qualification
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

B\_S01a1 What is the name of this qualification?

- 00 [Free Text Entry]
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

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B\_Q01a2IE In which country did you receive this qualification?

- 01 Poland
- 02 United Kingdom
- 03 Lithuania
- 04 Latvia
- 05 Germany
- 06 Romania
- 07 Northern Ireland
- 08 Other country
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

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B\_Q01a3IE Can you indicate which level in our national education system corresponds most closely with the level of this qualification?

- 01 No formal education or training \ Pre-primary education (or FETAC certificate at NFQ level 1)
- 02 Primary education (or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 2)
- 03 Secondary 1 (Junior/Inter/Group Certificate, NCVA foundation Certificate, FAS IAS Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 3)
- 04 Transition year programme
- 05 Secondary 2 (Leaving Certificate, traditional, vocational applied)
- 06 Technical or Vocational (e.g. Secretarial courses, Certificate in Hotel Operations, PLCs, FAS National Skills/Specific Skills Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 4 & 5)
- 07 Advanced Certificate (Completed apprenticeships, Teagasc Farming or Horticulture Certificate, National Craft Certificate or FETAC Advanced certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 08 Higher Certificate (e.g. National Certificate (NCEA/DIT/IOT), Cadetship (army, air corps or naval service), Diploma in Police Studies or HETAC/DIT Higher Certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 09 Diploma (e.g. National Diploma (HETAC/NCEA), Bachelor Degree (DIT), 3 year Diploma or Ordinary Bachelor Degree at NFQ level 7)
- 10 Honours Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma (or Higher Diploma at NFQ level 8)
- 11 Professional (Honours Bachelor Degree equivalent or higher)
- 12 Post-Graduate (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma at NFQ level 9, Masters Degree (taught or researched) at NFQ level 9)
- 13 Doctorate or higher (e.g. Doctoral Degree/higher Doctorate at NFQ level 10)
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

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B\_Q01b      What was your main subject for your highest level of education? If there was more than one, please choose the one you consider most important.

- 01      General programmes
- 02      Teacher training and education science
- 03      Humanities, languages and arts
- 04      Social sciences, business and law
- 05      Science, mathematics and computing
- 06      Engineering, manufacturing and construction
- 07      Agriculture and veterinary
- 08      Health and welfare
- 09      Services
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q01c1      When you completed this qualification, how old were you, or what year was it?

- 00      Age [Free Text Entry]{ 6 ; 65 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q01c2      00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1951 ; 2012 }

- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q01d      And in which month was that?

- 01      January
- 02      February
- 03      March
- 04      April
- 05      May
- 06      June
- 07      July
- 08      August
- 09      September
- 10      October
- 11      November
- 12      December
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q02a      Are you currently a student in a school, college or university programme?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q02aIEX What was the main reason you stopped your schooling when you did?

- 01 Had enough education
- 02 Had to work \ financial reasons
- 03 Wanted to work \ wanted to learn a trade
- 04 Family reasons (e.g. help family business, family illness)
- 05 Did not like school \ boredom
- 06 Did not do well in school
- 07 Personal illness or disability
- 08 School not available \ not accessible
- 09 Other
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

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B\_Q02bIE      What is the level of your current education or training?

- 01      Pre-primary education (or FETAC certificate at NFQ level 1)
- 02      Primary education (or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 2)
- 03      Secondary 1 (Junior/Inter/Group Certificate, NCVA foundation Certificate, FAS IAS Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 3)
- 04      Transition year programme
- 05      Secondary 2 (Leaving Certificate, traditional, vocational applied)
- 06      Technical or Vocational (e.g. Secretarial courses, Certificate in Hotel Operations, PLCs, FAS National Skills/Specific Skills Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 4 & 5)
- 07      Advanced Certificate (Completed apprenticeships, Teagasc Farming or Horticulture Certificate, National Craft Certificate or FETAC Advanced certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 08      Higher Certificate (e.g. National Certificate (NCEA/DIT/IOT), Cadetship (army, air corps or naval service), Diploma in Police Studies or HETAC/DIT Higher Certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 09      Diploma (e.g. National Diploma (HETAC/NCEA), Bachelor Degree (DIT), 3 year Diploma or Ordinary Bachelor Degree at NFQ level 7)
- 10      Honours Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma (or Higher Diploma at NFQ level 8)
- 11      Professional (Honours Bachelor Degree equivalent or higher)
- 12      Post-Graduate (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma at NFQ level 9, Masters Degree (taught or researched) at NFQ level 9)
- 13      Doctorate or higher (e.g. Doctoral Degree/higher Doctorate at NFQ level 10)
  
- DK      Does not know
  
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q02c      What is the main subject of your current educational programme? If there was more than one, please choose the one you consider most important.

- 01      General programmes
- 02      Teacher training and education science
- 03      Humanities, languages and arts
- 04      Social sciences, business and law
- 05      Science, mathematics and computing
- 06      Engineering, manufacturing and construction
- 07      Agriculture and veterinary
- 08      Health and welfare
- 09      Services
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q03a      Did you ever start studying for any formal qualification, but leave before completing it?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q03bIE      What was the level of the qualification you started studying for? If there was more than one, please report the one with the highest level.

- 01      Pre-primary education (or FETAC certificate at NFQ level 1)
- 02      Primary education (or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 2)
- 03      Secondary 1 (Junior/Inter/Group Certificate, NCVA foundation Certificate, FAS IAS Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 3)
- 04      Transition year programme
- 05      Secondary 2 (Leaving Certificate, traditional, vocational applied)
- 06      Technical or Vocational (e.g. Secretarial courses, Certificate in Hotel Operations, PLCs, FAS National Skills/Specific Skills Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 4 & 5)
- 07      Advanced Certificate (Completed apprenticeships, Teagasc Farming or Horticulture Certificate, National Craft Certificate or FETAC Advanced certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 08      Higher Certificate (e.g. National Certificate (NCEA/DIT/IOT), Cadetship (army, air corps or naval service), Diploma in Police Studies or HETAC/DIT Higher Certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 09      Diploma (e.g. National Diploma (HETAC/NCEA), Bachelor Degree (DIT), 3 year Diploma or Ordinary Bachelor Degree at NFQ level 7)
- 10      Honours Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma (or Higher Diploma at NFQ level 8)
- 11      Professional (Honours Bachelor Degree equivalent or higher)
- 12      Post-Graduate (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma at NFQ level 9, Masters Degree (taught or researched) at NFQ level 9)
- 13      Doctorate or higher (e.g. Doctoral Degree/higher Doctorate at NFQ level 10)
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q03c1      When you stopped studying for this qualification, how old were you or what year was it?

- 00      Age [Free Text Entry]{ 6 ; 65 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q03c2      00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1951 ; 2012 }

- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q03d      And in which month was that?

01      January

02      February

03      March

04      April

05      May

06      June

07      July

08      August

09      September

10      October

11      November

12      December

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q04a      During the last 12 months, that is since (appropriate date), have you studied for any formal qualification, either full-time or part-time?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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B\_Q04b      How many qualifications have you studied for during the last 12 months?

00      [Free Text Entry] qualifications { 1 ; 9 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_R05a      I am now going to ask some more questions about the highest qualification you ever completed / this qualification / the last qualification you studied for.

B\_Q05aIE      What was the level of this qualification?

01      Pre-primary education (or FETAC certificate at NFQ level 1)

02      Primary education (or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 2)

03      Secondary 1 (Junior/Inter/Group Certificate, NCVA foundation Certificate, FAS IAS Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 3)

04      Transition year programme

05      Secondary 2 (Leaving Certificate, traditional, vocational applied)

06      Technical or Vocational (e.g. Secretarial courses, Certificate in Hotel Operations, PLCs, FAS National Skills/Specific Skills Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 4 & 5)

07      Advanced Certificate (Completed apprenticeships, Teagasc Farming or Horticulture Certificate, National Craft Certificate or FETAC Advanced certificate at NFQ level 6)

08      Higher Certificate (e.g. National Certificate (NCEA/DIT/IOT), Cadetship (army, air corps or naval service), Diploma in Police Studies or HETAC/DIT Higher Certificate at NFQ level 6)

09      Diploma (e.g. National Diploma (HETAC/NCEA), Bachelor Degree (DIT), 3 year Diploma or Ordinary Bachelor Degree at NFQ level 7)

10      Honours Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma (or Higher Diploma at NFQ level 8)

11      Professional (Honours Bachelor Degree equivalent or higher)

12      Post-Graduate (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma at NFQ level 9, Masters Degree (taught or researched) at NFQ level 9)

13      Doctorate or higher (e.g. Doctoral Degree/higher Doctorate at NFQ level 10)

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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B\_Q05b      What is the main subject of this educational programme? If there was more than one, please choose the one you consider most important.

- 01      General programmes
- 02      Teacher training and education science
- 03      Humanities, languages and arts
- 04      Social sciences, business and law
- 05      Science, mathematics and computing
- 06      Engineering, manufacturing and construction
- 07      Agriculture and veterinary
- 08      Health and welfare
- 09      Services
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q05c      Were the main reasons for choosing to study for this qualification job related?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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B\_Q10a      In the last 12 months, while studying for this qualification, were you employed at any time, either full-time or part-time?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q10b      Did this study take place ...

01      Only during working hours

02      Mostly during working hours

03      Mostly outside working hours

04      Only outside working hours

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q10c      How useful were your studies for this qualification for the job or business you had at that time? Would you say they were ...

01      Not useful at all

02      Somewhat useful

03      Moderately useful

04      Very useful

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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B\_Q11 Did an employer or prospective employer pay for tuition or registration, exam fees, expenses for books or other costs associated with your studying for this qualification? Would that be ...

- 01 Yes, totally
- 02 Yes, partly
- 03 No, not at all
- 04 There were no such costs
- 05 No employer or prospective employer at that time
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

B\_R12 We would now like to turn to other organised learning activities you may have participated in during the last 12 months, including both work and non-work related activities. Include activities that have not (yet) been completed. All activities should be counted even if the duration was only one hour.

B\_Q12a During the last 12 months, have you participated in courses conducted through open or distance education?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

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B\_Q12b      How many of these activities did you participate in?

00      [Free Text Entry]{ 0 ; 50 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q12c      During the last 12 months, have you attended any organised sessions for on-the-job training or training by supervisors or co-workers?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q12d      How many of these activities did you participate in?

00      [Free Text Entry]{ 0 ; 50 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q12e      During the last 12 months, have you attended seminars or workshops?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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B\_Q12f      How many of these activities did you participate in?

00      [Free Text Entry]{ 0 ; 50 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q12g      During the last 12 months, have you participated in courses or private lessons, not already reported?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

B\_Q12h      How many of these activities did you participate in?

00      [Free Text Entry]{ 0 ; 50 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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B\_R13      I am going to ask some questions about your participation in open or distance education / organised sessions for on-the-job training or training by supervisors or co-workers / your participation in seminars or workshops / your participation in courses or private lessons / the activities you just reported on. I will start with some questions on the last of these activities that you participated in.

B\_Q13      What kind of activity was this?

- 01      A course conducted through open or distance education?
- 02      An organised session for on-the-job training or training by supervisors or co-workers?
- 03      A seminar or workshop?
- 04      Other kind of course or private lesson?
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q14a      Was this activity mainly job related?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q14b      Could you please specify more precisely the main reason for participating in this activity?

- 01      To do my job better and/or improve career prospects
- 02      To be less likely to lose my job
- 03      To increase my chances of getting a job, or changing a job or profession
- 04      To start my own business
- 05      I was obliged to participate
- 06      To increase my knowledge or skills on a subject that interests me
- 07      To obtain a certificate
- 08      Other
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q15a      Were you employed, either full-time or part-time, at any time while participating in this activity?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q15b      Did this activity take place ...

- 01      Only during working hours
- 02      Mostly during working hours
- 03      Mostly outside working hours
- 04      Only outside working hours
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q15c      How useful was this training for the job or business you had at that time or still have?  
Would you say it was ...

- 01      Not useful at all
- 02      Somewhat useful
- 03      Moderately useful
- 04      Very useful
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q16      Did an employer or prospective employer pay for tuition or registration, exam fees,  
expenses for books or other costs resulting from your participation in this activity?  
Would that be ...

- 01      Yes, totally
- 02      Yes, partly
- 03      No, not at all
- 04      There were no such costs
- 05      No employer or prospective employer at that time
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q17      Now let's look at the total amount of time you have spent in the past 12 months on all types of courses, training, private lessons, seminars or workshops. What is the easiest way to describe the total time you spent on all these activities: would that be in **WHOLE** weeks, in **WHOLE** days or in **WHOLE** hours? Exclude time spent on homework or travel.

- 01      Weeks
- 02      Days
- 03      Hours
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q18a      From (appropriate date) until now, how many **WHOLE** weeks did you spend in these activities?

- 00      [Free Text Entry] weeks{ 1 ; 52 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q19a      From (appropriate date) until now, how many **WHOLE** days did you spend in these activities?

- 00      [Free Text Entry] days{ 1 ;36 5 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q20a      From (appropriate date) until now, how many hours did you spend in these activities? Exclude hours spent travelling to and from the places at which these activities took place.

- 00      [Free Text Entry] hours{ 1 ; 2500 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q20b      About how much of this time was spent on activities that were job-related?

- 01      None of the time
- 02      Up to a quarter of the time
- 03      Up to half of the time
- 04      More than half of the time
- 05      All of the time
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

B\_Q26a      In the last 12 months, were there any learning activities you wanted to participate in but did not? Include both learning activities that lead to formal qualifications and other organised learning activities.

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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B\_Q26b      Which of the following reasons prevented you from participating in education and training? Please indicate the most important reason.

- 01      I did not have the required qualifications
- 02      Education or training was too expensive/I could not afford it
- 03      Lack of employer's support
- 04      I was too busy at work
- 05      The course or programme was offered at an inconvenient time or place
- 06      I did not have time because of child care or family responsibilities
- 07      Something unexpected came up that prevented me from taking education or training
- 08      Other
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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### Section C – Current status and work history

- C\_R01      I would now like to ask some questions about your activities last week, that is, the 7 days ending last Sunday.
- C\_Q01a      In the last week, did you do any PAID work for at least one hour, either as an employee or as self-employed?
- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
- C\_Q01b      Last week, were you away from a job or business that you plan to return to?
- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
- C\_Q01c      Last week, did you do any UNPAID work for at least one hour for a business that you own or a relative owns?
- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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C\_Q02a      In the 4 weeks ending last Sunday, were you looking for paid work at any time?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q02b      In these 4 weeks, were you waiting to start a job for which you had already been hired?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q02c      Will you be starting that job within three months, or in more than three months?

01      within three months

02      in more than three months

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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C\_Q03      In the last 4 weeks, for which of the following reasons did you not look for work?

- 01      I was waiting for the results of an application for a job or was being assessed by a training agent
- 02      I was a student
- 03      I was looking after the family or home
- 04      I was temporarily sick or injured
- 05      I have a long-term illness or disability
- 06      I did not believe any jobs were available
- 07      I did not get around to looking yet
- 08      I did not need employment
- 09      I retired from paid work
- 10      Other reason
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

C\_S03      How many months in total have/had you been looking for paid work?

- 00      [Free Text Entry] months{ 1 ; 99 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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C\_Q04a\_lead: In the four weeks ending last Sunday, did you do any of these things ...

C\_Q04a      contact a public employment office to find work?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q04b      contact a private agency (temporary work agency, firm specialising in recruitment, etc.) to find work?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q04c      apply to employers directly?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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C\_Q04d ask among friends, relatives, unions, etc. to find work?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

C\_Q04e place or answer job advertisements?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

C\_Q04f\_lead In the four weeks ending last Sunday, did you do any of these things ...

C\_Q04f study job advertisements?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

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C\_Q04g      take a recruitment test or examination or undergo an interview?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q04h      look for land, premises or equipment for work?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q04i      apply for permits, licences or financial resources for work?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q04j      do anything else to find work?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

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C\_S04j      Could you please specify what else you did to find work?

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q05      If a job had been available in the week ending last Sunday, would you have been able to start within 2 weeks?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

C\_Q06      In the last week, did you have one job or one business or was there more than one? Please only consider paid work.

01      One job or business

02      More than one job or business

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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C\_Q07IE      Please look at this card and tell me which ONE of the statements best describes your current situation. If more than one statement applies to you, please indicate the statement that best describes how you see yourself.

- 01      Full-time employed (self-employed, employee)
- 02      Part-time employed (self-employed, employee)
- 03      Unemployed
- 04      Pupil, student
- 05      Apprentice, internship
- 06      In retirement or early retirement
- 07      Permanently disabled
- 08      Fulfilling domestic tasks or looking after children/family
- 09      Other
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

C\_Q08a      Have you ever had paid work? Please include self-employment.

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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- C\_Q08b      During the last 12 months, that is since (appropriate date), did you have any paid work?  
Please include self-employment.
- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
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- C\_Q08c1      When you stopped working in your last paid job, how old were you or what year was it?
- 00      Age [Free Text Entry] {6; 65}
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
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- C\_Q08c2      00      Year [Free Text Entry] {1951; 2012}
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
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- C\_Q09      In total, approximately how many years have you had paid work? Only include those years  
where 6 months or more was spent in either full-time or part-time work.
- 00      Approximately [Free Text Entry] years{0 ; 55 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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C\_Q10a      In the last 5 years, for how many different firms or organisations did you work? Include your own business or businesses in the case of self-employment.

00      [Free Text Entry] firms or organisations {0; 90}

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section D – Current work

D\_R01a      The next questions are about the job or business where you worked during the last week. We will refer to this as 'your current job' or 'your current business'.

D\_Q01a      What is your occupation or job title?

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q01b      What are your most important responsibilities? Please give a full description.

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q02a      In what kind of business, industry or service do you work? Please give a full description.

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q02b      What does your firm or organisation mainly make or do? Please give a full description.

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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- D\_Q03      In which sector of the economy do you work? Is it ...
- 01      The private sector (for example a company)
  - 02      The public sector (for example the local government or a state school)
  - 03      A non-profit organisation (for example a charity, professional association or religious organisation)
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- D\_Q04      In this job, are you working as an employee or are you self-employed?
- 01      Employee
  - 02      Self-employed
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- D\_Q05a1    At what age or in which year did you start working for your current employer?
- 00      Age [Free Text Entry]{ 6 ; 65 }
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- D\_Q05a2    00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1951 ; 2012 }
- DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q05a3      And in which month was that?

01      January

02      February

03      March

04      April

05      May

06      June

07      July

08      August

09      September

10      October

11      November

12      December

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q05b1      At what age or in which year did you start working in your current business?

00      Age [Free Text Entry]{ 6 ; 65 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q05b2      00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1951 ; 2012 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q05b3      And in which month was that?

01      January

02      February

03      March

04      April

05      May

06      June

07      July

08      August

09      September

10      October

11      November

12      December

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q06a      How many people work for your employer at the place where you work? Would that be ...

01      1 to 10 people

02      11 to 50 people

03      51 to 250 people

04      251 to 1000 people

05      more than 1000 people

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q06b      Over the last 12 months, has the number of people working at the place where you work ...

- 01      Increased
- 02      Decreased
- 03      Stayed more or less the same
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q06c      Is the place where you work part of a larger firm or organisation?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q07a      Do you have employees working for you? Please include PAID and UNPAID family members who work in the business.

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q07b      How many people do you employ? Would that be ...

- 01      1 to 10 people
- 02      11 to 50 people
- 03      51 to 250 people
- 04      251 to 1000 people
- 05      more than 1000 people
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q08a      Do you manage or supervise other employees?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q08b      How many employees do you supervise or manage directly or indirectly? Would that be ...

- 01      1 to 5 people
- 02      6 to 10 people
- 03      11 to 24 people
- 04      25 to 99 people
- 05      100 or more people
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q09 What kind of employment contract do you have? Is that ...

- 01 An indefinite contract
- 02 A fixed term contract
- 03 A temporary employment agency contract
- 04 An apprenticeship or other training scheme
- 05 No contract
- 06 Other
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

D\_S09 Could you please specify what kind of contract you have?

- 00 [Free Text Entry]
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

D\_Q10 How many hours do you usually work per week in this job? Include any usual paid or unpaid overtime, but exclude lunch breaks or other breaks.

- 00 [Free Text Entry] hours per week{ 1 ; 125 }
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_R11        The next few questions are about the amount of flexibility you have in deciding how you do your job.

D\_Q11a\_lead: To what extent can you choose or change ...

D\_Q11a        the sequence of your tasks?

- 01        Not at all
- 02        Very little
- 03        To some extent
- 04        To a high extent
- 05        To a very high extent
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

D\_Q11b        how you do your work?

- 01        Not at all
- 02        Very little
- 03        To some extent
- 04        To a high extent
- 05        To a very high extent
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q11c      the speed or rate at which you work?

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q11d      your working hours?

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q12aIE     Still talking about your current job: if applying today, what would be the usual qualifications, if any, that someone would need to GET this type of job?

- 01     No formal education or Pre-primary education (or FETAC certificate at NFQ level 1)
- 02     Primary education (or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 2)
- 03     Secondary 1 (Junior/Inter/Group Certificate, NCVA foundation Certificate, FAS IAS Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 3)
- 04     Transition year programme
- 05     Secondary 2 (Leaving Certificate, traditional, vocational applied)
- 06     Technical or Vocational (e.g. Secretarial courses, Certificate in Hotel Operations, PLCs, FAS National Skills/Specific Skills Certificate or FETAC Certificate at NFQ level 4 & 5)
- 07     Advanced Certificate (Completed apprenticeships, Teagasc Farming or Horticulture Certificate, National Craft Certificate or FETAC Advanced certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 08     Higher Certificate (e.g. National Certificate (NCEA/DIT/IOT), Cadetship (army, air corps or naval service), Diploma in Police Studies or HETAC/DIT Higher Certificate at NFQ level 6)
- 09     Diploma (e.g. National Diploma (HETAC/NCEA), Bachelor Degree (DIT), 3 year Diploma or Ordinary Bachelor Degree at NFQ level 7)
- 10     Honours Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma (or Higher Diploma at NFQ level 8)
- 11     Professional (Honours Bachelor Degree equivalent or higher)
- 12     Post-Graduate (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma at NFQ level 9, Masters Degree (taught or researched) at NFQ level 9)
- 13     Doctorate or higher (e.g. Doctoral Degree/higher Doctorate at NFQ level 10)
- DK     Does not know
- RF     Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q12b      Thinking about whether this qualification is necessary for doing your job satisfactorily, which of the following statements would be most true?

- 01      This level is necessary
- 02      A lower level would be sufficient
- 03      A higher level would be needed
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q12c      Supposing that someone with this level of qualification were applying today, how much related work experience would they need to GET this job? Would that be ...

- 01      None
- 02      Less than 1 month
- 03      1 to 6 months
- 04      7 to 11 months
- 05      1 or 2 years
- 06      3 years or more
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q13a      In your own job, how often do you learn new work-related things from co-workers or supervisors?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q13b      How often does your job involve learning-by-doing from the tasks you perform?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q13c      How often does your job involve keeping up-to-date with new products or services?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q14      All things considered, how satisfied are you with your current job? Would you say you are...

- 01      Extremely satisfied
- 02      Satisfied
- 03      Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 04      Dissatisfied
- 05      Extremely dissatisfied
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q16a      What is the easiest way for you to tell us your usual gross wage or salary for your current job? Would it be ...

- 01      Per hour
- 02      Per day
- 03      Per week
- 04      Per fortnight
- 05      Per month
- 06      Per year
- 07      Piece rate
- 08      I get no salary or wage at all
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_S16a      Could you please specify how many hours on average it takes to produce one piece?

- 00      [Free Text Entry] hours{ 0 ; 9999 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q16b      What is your usual gross pay per hour/day/week/fortnight/month/year/piece? Please give as good an approximation as you can. By gross, we mean before deductions for tax, PRSI contributions and the like. Please include any regular overtime pay, regular bonuses, tips and commissions. Don't include annual bonuses such as 13th month or holiday pay.

- 00      Approximately [Free Text Entry] euros{ 0 ; 10000000 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q16c      Would you be prepared to answer this question if we ask it in broad categories?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q16d1      How much would you estimate your usual gross pay per hour is?

01      Less than €5 per hour

02      €5 to less than €7

03      €7 to less than €11

04      €11 to less than €17

05      €17 to less than €25

06      €25 or more

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q16d2      How much would you estimate your usual gross pay per day is?

- 01      Less than ~~€~~40 per day
- 02      ~~€~~40 to less than ~~€~~60
- 03      ~~€~~60 to less than ~~€~~90
- 04      ~~€~~90 to less than ~~€~~140
- 05      ~~€~~140 to less than ~~€~~200
- 06      ~~€~~200 or more
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q16d3      How much would you estimate your usual gross pay per week is?

- 01      Less than ~~€~~200 per week
- 02      ~~€~~200 to less than ~~€~~280
- 03      ~~€~~280 to less than ~~€~~440
- 04      ~~€~~440 to less than ~~€~~690
- 05      ~~€~~690 to less than ~~€~~1,000
- 06      ~~€~~1,000 or more
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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D\_Q16d4      How much would you estimate your usual gross pay per fortnight is?

- 01      Less than €400 per fortnight
- 02      €400 to less than €570
- 03      €570 to less than €900
- 04      €900 to less than €1,380
- 05      €1,380 to less than €2,000
- 06      €2,000 or more
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q16d5      How much would you estimate your usual gross pay per month is?

- 01      Less than €900 per month
- 02      €900 to less than €1,200
- 03      €1,200 to less than €1,900
- 04      €1,900 to less than €3,000
- 05      €3,000 to less than €4,300
- 06      €4,300 or more
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q16d6      How much would you estimate your usual gross pay per year is?

- 01      Less than €1,200 per year
- 02      €1,200 to less than €4,900
- 03      €4,900 to less than €23,000
- 04      €23,000 to less than €35,900
- 05      €35,900 to less than €52,000
- 06      €52,000 or more
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q17a      In addition to your usual pay, do you receive any other payments related to this job, such as annual bonuses e.g. a 13th month or holiday pay?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

D\_Q17b      In total, how much were these additional payments last year? Please think in terms of gross payments.

- 00      Approximately [Free Text Entry] euros{ 1 ; 1000000 }
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q17c Would you be prepared to answer this question if we ask it in broad categories?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

D\_Q17d How much would you estimate these additional payments were last year? Please think in terms of gross payments. Were they...

- 01 Less than €1,200
- 02 €1,200 to less than €2,400
- 03 €2,400 or more

D\_Q18a What were your total earnings last month/year from your current business after deducting all business expenses, but before deducting income taxes, PRSI contributions and the like?

- 00 Approximately [Free Text Entry] euros { 1 ; 1000000 }
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

D\_Q18b Would you be prepared to answer this question if we ask it in broad categories?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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D\_Q18c1      How much would you estimate your earnings last month were?

01      Less than €900 per month

02      €900 to less than €1,200

03      €1,200 to less than €1,900

04      €1,900 to less than €3,000

05      €3,000 to less than €4,300

06      €4,300 or more

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

D\_Q18c2IE      How much would you estimate your earnings last year were?

01      Less than €1,200 per year

02      €1,200 to less than €4,900

03      €4,900 to less than €23,000

04      €23,000 to less than €5,900

05      €5,900 to less than €2,000

06      €2,000 or more

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section E – Last job

- E\_R01a      The next questions are about the last job or business you held.
- This is the job or business you had in the last 12 months / or before you last stopped working / or the job or business you had in (the appropriate year).
- E\_Q01a      What is your occupation or job title?
- 00      [Free Text Entry]
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
- E\_Q01b      What were your most important responsibilities? Please give a full description.
- 00      [Free Text Entry]
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
- E\_Q02a      In what kind of business, industry or service did you work? Please give a full description.
- 00      [Free Text Entry]
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal
- E\_Q02b      What did your firm or organisation mainly make or do? Please give a full description.
- 00      [Free Text Entry]
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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- E\_Q03      In which sector of the economy did you work? Was it ...
- 01      The private sector (for example a company)
  - 02      The public sector (for example the local government or a state school)
  - 03      A non-profit organisation (for example a charity, professional association or religious organisation)
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- E\_Q04      In this job, were you working as an employee or were you self-employed?
- 01      Employee
  - 02      Self-employed
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- E\_Q05a1      Still talking about the job you left in the last 12 months / or before you last stopped working / or you left (in the appropriate year): at what age or in which year did you start working for your former employer?
- 00      Age [Free Text Entry]{ 6 ; 65 }
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- E\_Q05a2      00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1951 ; 2012 }
- DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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E\_Q05b1      Still talking about the business you left in the last 12 months / or before you last stopped working / or the business you left (in the appropriate year): at what age or in which year did you start working in your former business?

00      Age [Free Text Entry]{ 6 ; 65 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

E\_Q05b2

00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1951 ; 2012 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

E\_Q06      How many people worked for your employer at the place where you worked? Would that be ...

01      1 to 10 people

02      11 to 50 people

03      51 to 250 people

04      251 to 1000 people

05      more than 1000 people

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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E\_Q07a Did you have employees working for you? Please include paid and unpaid family members who worked in the business.

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

E\_Q07b How many people did you employ at the place where you worked? Would that be ...

01 1 to 10 people

02 11 to 50 people

03 51 to 250 people

04 251 to 1000 people

05 more than 1000 people

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

E\_Q08 What kind of employment contract did you have? Was that ...

01 An indefinite contract

02 A fixed term contract

03 A temporary employment agency contract

04 An apprenticeship or other training scheme

05 No contract

06 Other

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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E\_S08      Could you please specify what kind of contract you had?

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

E\_Q09      How many hours did you usually work per week in this job? Include any usual paid or unpaid overtime, but exclude lunch breaks or other breaks.

00      [Free Text Entry] hours per week{ 1 ; 125 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

E\_Q10      Could you tell me the main reason you stopped working in your last job?

01      I was dismissed

02      I was made redundant or took voluntary redundancy

03      It was a temporary job which came to an end

04      I resigned

05      I gave up work for health reasons

06      I took early retirement

07      I retired (normal retirement at or after pension age)

08      I gave up work because of family responsibilities or child care

09      I gave up work in order to study

10      I left for some other reason

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section F – Skills used at work

F\_R01            I am now going to ask you about activities in your current/last job.

F\_Q01a\_lead: In your current / last job what proportion of your time do you usually spend ...

F\_Q01b            co-operating or collaborating with co-workers?

- 01      None of the time
- 02      Up to a quarter of the time
- 03      Up to half of the time
- 04      More than half of the time
- 05      All the time
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q02a\_lead: How often does your current / last job usually involve ...

F\_Q02a            sharing work-related information with co-workers?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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F\_Q02b      instructing, training or teaching people, individually or in groups?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q02c      making speeches or giving presentations in front of five or more people?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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F\_Q02d      selling a product or selling a service?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q02e      advising people?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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F\_Q03a\_lead: How often does your current / last job usually involve ...

F\_Q03a      planning your own activities?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q03b      planning the activities of others?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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F\_Q03c      organising your own time?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q04a\_lead: How often does your current / last job usually involve ...

F\_Q04a      persuading or influencing people?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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F\_Q04b negotiating with people either inside or outside your firm or organisation?

- 01 Never
- 02 Less than once a month
- 03 Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04 At least once a week but not every day
- 05 Every day
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

F\_Q05a The next question is about "problem solving" tasks you do in your current / last job. Think of "problem solving" as what happens when you are faced with a new or difficult situation which requires you to think for a while about what to do next. How often are you usually faced by relatively simple problems that take no more than 5 minutes to find a good solution?

- 01 Never
- 02 Less than once a month
- 03 Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04 At least once a week but not every day
- 05 Every day
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

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F\_Q05b      And how often are / were you usually confronted with more complex problems that take at least 30 minutes to find a good solution? The 30 minutes only refers to the time needed to THINK of a solution, not the time needed to carry it out.

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q06a\_lead: How often does / did your current / last job usually involve ...

F\_Q06b      working physically for a long period?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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F\_Q06c      using skill or accuracy with your hands or fingers?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q07a      Do you feel that you have the skills to cope with more demanding duties than those you are required to perform in your current job?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

F\_Q07b      Do you feel that you need further training in order to cope well with your present duties?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section G – Literacy, numeracy and ICT skills used at work

G\_R01      The following questions are about reading activities that you undertake as part of your current job / undertook as part of your last job. Please only report reading that is part of your current job, not reading you do in your non-work time. Include any reading you might do on computer screens or other electronic displays.

G\_Q01a\_lead: In your current / last job, how often do / did you usually ...

G\_Q01a      read directions or instructions?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q01b      read letters, memos or e-mails?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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G\_Q01c      read articles in newspapers, magazines or newsletters?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q01d      read articles in professional journals or scholarly publications?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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G\_Q01e\_lead: In your current job, / last job how often do / did you usually ...

G\_Q01e      read books?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q01f      read manuals or reference materials?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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G\_Q01g      read bills, invoices, bank statements or other financial statements?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q01h      read diagrams, maps or schematics?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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G\_R02        The following questions are about writing activities that you undertake / undertook as part of your current / last job. Include any writing you might do on computers or other electronic devices.

G\_Q02a\_lead: In your current / last job, how often do / did you usually ...

G\_Q02a        write letters, memos or e-mails?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

G\_Q02b        write articles for newspapers, magazines or newsletters?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

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G\_Q02c      write reports?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q02d      fill in forms?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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G\_R03        The following questions are about activities that you undertake / undertook as part of your current / last job and that involve numbers, quantities, numerical information, statistics or mathematics.

G\_Q03a\_lead: In your current / last job, how often do / did you usually ...

G\_Q03b        calculate prices, costs or budgets?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK        Does not know
- RF        Refusal

G\_Q03c        use or calculate fractions, decimals or percentages?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK        Does not know
- RF        Refusal

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G\_Q03d      use a calculator - either hand-held or computer based?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q03e\_lead: In your current / last job, how often do you usually ...

G\_Q03f      prepare charts, graphs or tables?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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G\_Q03g      use simple algebra or formulas?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q03h      use more advanced math or statistics such as calculus, complex algebra, trigonometry or use of regression techniques?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q04      Do / did you use a computer in your current / last job?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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G\_R05        The following questions are about the use of computers or internet as part of your current / last job. They do not refer to the use of computers or internet in any jobs you may have held prior to your current / last job.

G\_Q05a\_lead: In your current / last job, how often do you usually...

G\_Q05a        use email?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

G\_Q05c        use the internet in order to better understand issues related to your work?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

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G\_Q05d      conduct transactions on the internet, for example buying or selling products or services, or banking?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q05e\_lead: In your current / last job, how often do / did you usually ...

G\_Q05e      use spreadsheet software, for example Excel?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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G\_Q05f      use a word processor, for example Word?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

G\_Q05g      use a programming language to program or write computer code?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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- G\_Q05h      participate in real-time discussions on the internet, for example online conferences, or chat groups?
- 01      Never
  - 02      Less than once a month
  - 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
  - 04      At least once a week but not every day
  - 05      Every day
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- G\_Q06      What level of computer use is / was needed to perform your current / last job?
- 01      STRAIGHTFORWARD, for example using a computer for straightforward routine tasks such as data entry or sending and receiving e-mails
  - 02      MODERATE, for example word-processing, spreadsheets or database management
  - 03      COMPLEX, for example developing software or modifying computer games, programming using languages like Java, SQL, PHP or Perl, or maintaining a computer network
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal
- G\_Q07      Do you think you have / had the computer skills you need to do your current / last job well?
- 01      Yes
  - 02      No
  - DK      Does not know
  - RF      Refusal

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G\_Q08      Has a lack of computer skills affected your chances of being hired for a job or getting a promotion or pay raise?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section H – Literacy, numeracy and ICT skills used in everyday life

H\_R01      Until now we talked about your activities at work. I would now like to talk about your reading activities outside work / including any reading you do as part of your studies / exclude any reading you did as part of your last job / . Include any reading you might do on computer screens or other electronic displays.

H\_Q01a\_lead: Outside your work / in every day life, how often do you usually ...

H\_Q01a      read directions or instructions?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q01b      read letters, memos or e-mails?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q01c      read articles in newspapers, magazines or newsletters?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q01d      read articles in professional journals or scholarly publications?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q01e\_lead: Outside your work / in everyday life, how often do you usually ...

H\_Q01e      read books, fiction or non-fiction?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q01f      read manuals or reference materials?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q01g      read bills, invoices, bank statements or other financial statements?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q01h      read diagrams, maps or schematics?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_R02        The following questions are about your writing activities outside work / including any writing any writing you do as part of your studies / your writing activities in everyday life. Exclude any writing you did as part of your last job. Include any writing you might do on computers or other electronic devices.

H\_Q02a\_lead: Outside your work / in everyday life, how often do you usually ...

H\_Q02a        write letters, memos or e-mails?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

H\_Q02b        write articles for newspapers, magazines or newsletters?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

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H\_Q02c      write reports?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q02d      fill in forms?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_R03      The following questions are about activities that you undertake outside work that involve numbers, quantities, numerical information, statistics or mathematics.

H\_R03      The following questions are about activities that you undertake outside work / as part of your studies / in everyday life that involve numbers, quantities, numerical information, statistics or mathematics, including any such activities you undertake. Exclude any such activities you undertook as part of your last job.

H\_Q03a\_lead: Outside your work / in everyday life, how often do you usually ...

H\_Q03b      calculate prices, costs or budgets?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q03c      use or calculate fractions, decimals or percentages?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q03d      use a calculator - either hand-held or computer based?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q03e\_lead: Outside your work / in everyday life, how often do you usually ...

H\_Q03f      prepare charts, graphs or tables?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q03g      use simple algebra or formulas?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q03h      use more advanced math or statistics such as calculus, complex algebra, trigonometry or use of regression techniques?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q04a      Have you ever used a computer?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q04b      Do you use a computer in your everyday life now outside work?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_R05        The following questions are about the use of computers or the internet outside work / in everyday life, including any such activities you undertake as part of your studies. Exclude any such activities you undertook as part of your last job, but include any such activities you undertake as part of your studies. This could be at home or in other places that offer internet services, like internet cafes or libraries.

H\_Q05a\_lead: Outside your work / in everyday life, how often do you usually...

H\_Q05a        use email?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

H\_Q05c        use the internet in order to better understand issues related to, for example, your health or illnesses, financial matters, or environmental issues?

- 01        Never
- 02        Less than once a month
- 03        Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04        At least once a week but not every day
- 05        Every day
- DK       Does not know
- RF       Refusal

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H\_Q05d      conduct transactions on the internet, for example buying or selling products or services, or banking?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q05e\_lead: Outside your work / in everyday life, how often do you usually...

H\_Q05e      use spreadsheet software, for example Excel?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q05f      use a word processor, for example Word?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

H\_Q05g      use a programming language to program or write computer code?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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H\_Q05h      participate in real-time discussions on the internet, for example online conferences or chat groups?

01      Never

02      Less than once a month

03      Less than once a week but at least once a month

04      At least once a week but not every day

05      Every day

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section I – About yourself

I\_Q04a\_lead: I would now like to ask you some questions about how you deal with problems and tasks you encounter. To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

I\_Q04b      When I hear or read about new ideas, I try to relate them to real life situations to which they might apply

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

I\_Q04d      I like learning new things

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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I\_Q04h      When I come across something new, I try to relate it to what I already know

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

I\_Q04i\_lead:    To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

I\_Q04j      I like to get to the bottom of difficult things

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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I\_Q04l      I like to figure out how different ideas fit together

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

I\_Q04m      If I don't understand something, I look for additional information to make it clearer

- 01      Not at all
- 02      Very little
- 03      To some extent
- 04      To a high extent
- 05      To a very high extent
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

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I\_Q05f      In the last 12 months, how often, if at all, did you do voluntary work, including unpaid work for a charity, political party, trade union or other non-profit organisation?

- 01      Never
- 02      Less than once a month
- 03      Less than once a week but at least once a month
- 04      At least once a week but not every day
- 05      Every day
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

I\_Q06a\_lead: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I\_Q06a      People like me don't have any say about what the government does

- 01      Strongly agree
- 02      Agree
- 03      Neither agree nor disagree
- 04      Disagree
- 05      Strongly disagree
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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I\_Q07a      There are only a few people you can trust completely

- 01      Strongly agree
- 02      Agree
- 03      Neither agree nor disagree
- 04      Disagree
- 05      Strongly disagree
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

I\_Q07b      If you are not careful, other people will take advantage of you

- 01      Strongly agree
- 02      Agree
- 03      Neither agree nor disagree
- 04      Disagree
- 05      Strongly disagree
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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I\_Q08      The next question is about your health. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?

- 01      Excellent
- 02      Very good
- 03      Good
- 04      Fair
- 05      Poor
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Section J – Background Information

J\_Q01      Now I would like to ask you some general questions. Including yourself, how many people usually live in your household? Please include people who are temporarily living elsewhere.

00      [Free Text Entry] people{ 1 ; 90 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q02a      Are you living together with a spouse or partner?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q02cIE Please look at this card and tell me which of the statements best describes the current situation of your spouse or partner.

- 01 Full-time employed (self-employed, employee)
- 02 Part-time employed (self-employed, employee)
- 03 Unemployed
- 04 Pupil, student
- 05 Apprentice, internship
- 06 In retirement or early retirement
- 07 Permanently disabled
- 08 Fulfilling domestic tasks or looking after children/family
- 09 Other
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

J\_Q03a Do you have children? Please include stepchildren and children not living in your household.

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

J\_Q03b How many children do you have?

- 00 [Free Text Entry] children { 1 ; 25 }
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q03c      How old is this child?

00      [Free Text Entry] years of age { 0 ; 55 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q03d1      How old is your youngest child?

00      [Free Text Entry] years of age { 0 ; 55 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q03d2      And how old is your oldest child?

00      [Free Text Entry] years of age { 0 ; 55 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q04a      Now I have some questions on your background. Were you born in the Republic of Ireland?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q04bIE      In what country were you born?

- 01      Poland
- 02      United Kingdom
- 03      Lithuania
- 04      Latvia
- 05      Germany
- 06      Romania
- 07      Northern Ireland
- 08      Other country
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

J\_S04b      What country was that?

- 00      [Free Text Entry]
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q04c1      At what age or in which year did you first enter the Republic of Ireland? This is the first time you came to the country to live on a continuous basis.

00      Age [Free Text Entry] { 0 ; 65 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q04c2      00      Year [Free Text Entry]{ 1945 ; 2012 }

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q05a1IE      What is the language that you first learned at home in childhood AND STILL UNDERSTAND?

01      English

02      Irish

03      Polish

04      Lithuanian

05      Latvian

06      German

07      Romanian

08      Other language

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_S05a1      What language was that?

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_N05a2      Did the respondent mention more than 1 language?

01      Yes

02      No

J\_Q05a2IE      What is the second language that you first learned at home in childhood AND STILL UNDERSTAND?

01      English

02      Irish

03      Polish

04      Lithuanian

05      Latvian

06      German

07      Romanian

08      Other language

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_S05a2      What language was that?

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q05bIE      What language do you speak most often at home?

01      English

02      Irish

03      Polish

04      Lithuanian

05      Latvian

06      German

07      Romanian

08      Other language

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_S05b      What language was that?

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q06a      The next few questions are about your mother or female guardian. Was your mother or female guardian born in the Republic of Ireland?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

J\_Q06b      What was the highest level of education your mother or female guardian ever successfully completed?

- 01      Up to and including Junior/Inter/Group Certificate
- 02      Leaving Certificate or post-Leaving Certificate certificates (including apprenticeships and advanced certificates - below degree level)
- 03      Diploma or degree level, or higher (including Higher Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Masters, Doctorate)
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

J\_Q06c      Does your mother or female guardian hold a paying job?  
Did your mother or female guardian hold a paying job when you were 16 years old?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- 03      Not applicable, mother or female guardian deceased at that time
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q06d      What is your mother's or female guardian's main job?

What was your mother's or female guardian's main job when you were 16 years old?  
Please provide the job title and indicate whether this refers to self-employment or not.

00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q06e      What does your mother or female guardian do in her main job? Please describe the kind of work she did in that job.

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00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q07a      The next few questions are about your father or male guardian. Was your father or male guardian born in the Republic of Ireland?

01      Yes

02      No

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q07b      What was the highest level of education your father or male guardian ever successfully completed?

- 01      Up to and including Junior/Inter/Group Certificate
- 02      Leaving Certificate or post-Leaving Certificate certificates (including apprenticeships and advanced certificates - below degree level)
- 03      Diploma or degree level, or higher (including Higher Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Masters, Doctorate)
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

J\_Q07c      Does your father or male guardian hold a paying job?

Did your father or male guardian hold a paying job when you were 16 years old?

- 01      Yes
- 02      No
- 03      Not applicable, mother or female guardian deceased at that time
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

J\_Q07d      What is your father's or male guardian's main job? Please provide the job title and indicate whether this refers to self-employment or not.

What was your father's or male guardian's main job when you were 16 years old? Please provide the job title and indicate whether this refers to self-employment or not.

- 00      [Free Text Entry]
- DK      Does not know
- RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q07e      What does your father or male guardian do in his main job? Please describe the kind of work he does in that job.

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00      [Free Text Entry]

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

J\_Q08      About how many books are there in your home / were there in your home when you were 16 years old? Do not include magazines, newspapers or schoolbooks. To give an estimation, one metre of shelving is about 40 books.

01      10 books or less

02      11 to 25 books

03      26 to 100 books

04      101 to 200 books

05      201 to 500 books

06      More than 500 books

DK      Does not know

RF      Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_R09IEX The following questions are about different types of income resources you may have received in the past 12 months.

J\_Q09a\_leadIEX: In the last 12 months, that is since (appropriate date), did you receive ...

J\_Q09aIEX unemployment benefits?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

J\_Q09bIEX disability benefits?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

J\_Q09cIEX sickness benefits?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- DK Does not know
- RF Refusal

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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J\_Q09dIEX early retirement benefits?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

J\_Q09eIEX retirement benefits?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

J\_Q09eIEX1 maternity benefits?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

J\_Q09eIEX2 Family Income Supplement?

01 Yes

02 No

DK Does not know

RF Refusal

J\_END

## PIAAC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

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COMPUTER EXPERIENCE Has the respondent experience with computers?

01 Yes

02 No

Native Speaker Is the respondent a native speaker?

01 The respondent is a native speaker

02 The respondent is not a native speaker