

FRS Derived Variable changes from 1999-2000 to 2000-2001

Please note this document is in three sections:

- (i) amendments in Release b
- (ii) changes due to Tax Credits
- (iii) other changes.

(i) Amendments to the derived variables in Release b of 2000-01 FRS dataset:

- ININV (ADULT-Investment income). Interest from Individual Savings Accounts included.
- NININV (ADULT-Net Investment income). Interest from Individual Savings Accounts included.
- HHINCBND (HOUSEHOLD- Household Income Bands). These now have bands for income over £700 and upto £1000.
- *The definition for treatment of tax credits has been revised, please see below*

(ii) CHANGES DUE TO TAX CREDITS

TREATMENT OF TAX CREDITS (2000-01 Release b)

Following discussions over publication of income statistics our definitional treatment of tax credits has been revised.

Conceptually within the FRS derived variables, tax credits are being treated as a component of *total* income but not shown in *gross* earnings;

This means:

- Net Earnings and Net Income DVs include tax credits.
- Gross Earnings exclude tax credits.
- Total Income includes tax credits.
- Tax Credits are not included in any of the benefit derived variables.

Users who wish to treat tax credits differently within the Earnings/Income DVs can do so by using the new Tax Credit DVs listed below.

Definition changes:

- INDINC/BUINC/HHINC (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD) - *Total* income from all sources rather than *Total Gross* income from all sources.
- HEARNS/BUEARNS/INEARNS (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD) - *Gross* income from earnings rather than *Total* income from earnings.

Changes to Derived Variables:

INDINC/BUINC/HHINC (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD – Total Income). Tax credits included.

TREATMENT OF TAX CREDITS (2000-01 Release a)

Conceptually within the FRS derived variables, tax credits are treated as a negative tax. This means:

Net Earnings and Net Income DVs include tax credits.

Gross Earnings and Gross Income Dvs, exclude tax credits.

Tax Credits are not included in any of the benefit derived variables.

Users who wish to treat tax credits differently within the Earnings/Income DVs can do so by using the new Tax Credit DVs listed below.

New Derived Variables:

- INTXCRED/BUTXCRED/HHTXCRED (ADULT, BENUNIT, HOUSEHOLD). These variables give amount of Working Families Tax Credits (WFTC) and Disabled Persons Tax Credits (DPTC) received *either as a benefit or through wages*.
- BNTXCRED (ADULT). This variable gives the amount of Working Families Tax Credits (WFTC) and Disabled Persons Tax Credits (DPTC) received *as a benefit*.

Changes to Derived Variables:

- INDISBEN/BUDISBEN/HHDISBEN (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - disability benefits) DPTCs (benefit type 11) removed.
- INIRBEN/BUIRBEN/HHIRBEN (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD- Income Related Benefits) WFTCs and DPTCs (benefits types 11,18,41) removed.
- INOTHBEN/BUOTHEN/HHOTHBEN(ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - other benefits) Removed the tax credits (benefit types 18 and 41).
- NINEARNS (ADULT- net income from employment). Cases where last pay includes WFTC/DPTC (INCLTC1=1 or INCLTC2=1), use last net take home pay (PAYAMT) in calculating NINEARNS even if UNETT exists. This is to account for uncertainty over inclusion of Tax Credits in usual pay.
- UGRSPAY (JOB- gross weekly pay) Cases where last pay includes WFTC/DPTC (INCLTC1=1 or INCLTC2=1), use last net take home pay (PAYAMT) in calculating UGRSPAY even if UGROSS exists. Remove tax credit amount from UGRSPAY as gross wage should not include this but PAYAMT does.
- NINDINC (ADULT- Individuals net income from all sources). Add in the amount of WFTC/DPTC received *as a benefit* (BNTXCRED).

(iii) OTHER CHANGES

New Derived Variables:

- SSCTI/SSCTB/SSCTH (ADULT, BENUNIT, HOUSEHOLD) show participation in company share schemes (ACCOUNT = 22, 23).
- TVLICDV (HOUSEHOLD). A flag variable showing whether or not the household claims a free television licence. Claims prior to November 2000 have been imputed.
- BUTVLIC/INTVLIC/HHTVLIC (BENUNIT, ADULT, HOUSEHOLD) These variables give amounts of income from free television licences.

Rotated On Derived Variables:

- TTWCOSTS (ADULT) and TTWMODE (ADULT) travel to work costs and mode of transport for travel to work. Variables reinstated as the travel to work questions have been rotated back on for 2000/01.

Rotated Off Derived Variables:

- None

Changes to Derived Variables:

- INDISBEN/BUDISBEN/HHDISBEN (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - disability benefits) Income from Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for 16-18 year old children included.
- INIRBEN/BUIRBEN/HHIRBEN (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD- Income Related Benefits). Added income from Lone Parent Benefit Run On (benefit 52). HB/CTB extended payments (Benefits types 78,79,80) now collected with a period code, therefore payment no longer divided by 4. Exclude income from Back to Work Bonus (benefit type 26).
- INNIRBEN/BUNIRBEN/HHNIRBEN (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - non-means tested benefits) DLA income for 16-18 year old children included in this variable.
- INOTHBEN/BUOTHEN/HHOTHBEN(ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - other benefits). Income from Back to Work Bonus (benefit type 26) excluded; income from Lone Parent Benefit Run On (benefit type 52) included. HB/CTB extended payments (Benefits types 78,79,80) no longer divided by 4 as now collected with a period code.
- INRINC/BURINC/HHRINC (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - remaining income) income from TV licences included; profit/loss from property using new variable RENT PROF); critical illness cover (benefit type 83) added to INRINC.
- NINEARNS (ADULT- net income from employment) changes made to take account of where cases could have Ugross/Unett zero. Basic rate of tax changed to 22% from 23% from April 2000. Therefore the multiplier in NINEARNS amended to 0.78 from 0.77.
- UGRSPAY (JOB- gross weekly pay) changes made to take account of where cases could have Ugross/Unett zero. Basic rate of tax changed to 22% from 23% from April 2000. Therefore the multiplier in UGRSPAY amended to 0.78 from 0.77.
- BURENT/TUBURENT (BENUNIT- gross rent for BU) include shared rent contributions in non-conventional households.

- DISHBU (BENUNIT- receipt of IS/HB/WFTC) WFTC label change from Ben3Q3 to Ben4Q1. WFTC (lump sum - BEN6Q1) included.
- TAXPAYER (ADULT- whether not should pay tax) Included new RENTPROF variable which determines whether income from property renting is added to or subtracted from taxable income. Adjustment made to take account of removal of Married Couple's allowance for the under 65 years olds (from Budget 2001).
- CHRINC (CHILD - remaining income) - added in amount of Child Educational Maintenance Allowance.
- EMPSTATI (ADULT- Employment status- ILO definition), Wait variable reinstated New variable YRSTRT (why unable to start work within two weeks) included. The definition of "Other inactive, (category 11) has been improved by taking out those who are unable to work due to injury/illness/disability and classified them as permanently/temporarily sick/disabled (categories 9, 10).

In previous years individuals between the state pension age and 70 who were looking for work were classed 'inactive' category 11 by default as the 'start' question was not asked. These are now correctly classified.

- EMPSTATB (ADULT- To indicate the employment status of each adult.) Wait variable reinstated. New ASBWHY category for parental leave included in the variable. New variable YRSTRT (why unable to start work within two weeks) included. Tightened the definitions of categories 4 and 5 (employees temporarily not working due to being sick for less than 28 weeks) and put applicable cases in to category 12 (Sick – long term sick/disabled for more than 28 weeks).
- EMPSTATC (ADULT- Employment status- HBAI definition) Wait variable reinstated
- MORTINT (HOUSEHOLD- mortgage interest) – Adjustment for Miras deleted.
- INPENINC/BPENINC/HPENINC (ADULT/BENUNIT/HOUSEHOLD - pension income). Set INPENINC equal to zero if its value is less than -0.05.
- NINPENIN (ADULT - net pension income) -Set NINPENIN equal to zero if its value is less than -0.05.

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TO
CHANGES

Family Resources Survey 2000-01

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Note

This booklet describes only changes which have a significant impact on interviewers. There are other changes, such as new derived variables, minor amendments, and technical fixes, which are not covered here.

'SOFT CHECK' = 'SIGNAL' both here and in the Interviewer Instructions

'HARD CHECK' = 'ERROR' both here and in the Interviewer Instructions

.. **SUMMARY**

Welcome to another year of the 'Family Resources Survey'.

This booklet describes changes to the questionnaire being issued in April 2000. We hope that the changes are helpful and represent an improvement to the survey. Many changes directly meet our client's (DSS) changing needs for information.

We are aware that some interviewers have made suggestions for changes which we haven't been able to implement. Usually the reason is that the DSS did not agree with all suggestions. Sometimes there were technical problems, or unanticipated knock-on effects.

What's Gone and What's Back?

Two sections of the survey - Consumer Durables and Vehicle Ownership - have been 'rotated off' (ie: taken off for this year), and two sections -NHS and Travel to Work questions - have been re-introduced for this year (see Section ?).

What's New?

New questions have been included this year to cover new policy initiatives (e.g. the introduction of Working Families Tax Credit, and Disabled Person's Tax Credit), as well as other new areas of interest.

What's Changed?

Major changes this year include asking questions concerning childcare to all parents including those who are not in paid work, and some changes to the employment status questions themselves.

Showcards

You will receive 1 new set of showcards this year. These have been updated to reflect changes to the program.

Benefit Rates

The benefit amounts in the 'checks' have been amended in line with the new amounts starting in April 2000. However, some don't come in until 12 April, so at the beginning of the month, you may find yourself being 'checked' erroneously. If this occurs, suppress the check and continue. As usual we will have a May program update to fix these discrepancies.

.. 'ROTATION' OF QUESTION BLOCKS

'Rotated' sections of the questionnaire are asked every *other* year, rather than every year. This still yields enough data for useful analysis, whilst reducing the burden which overlong interviews can have on respondents and interviewers. FRS users have agreed to rotate off two sections this year, and to reinstate two sections from previous years:

Rotation of Questions about Vehicle Ownership

Questions concerning vehicle ownership are rotated off this year:

Name	Question	
UseVcl (Jump10)	SHOW CARD J Do [any of] you at present own or have continuous use of any motor vehicles?	Removed
TypeVc	I would now like to ask about the [first/second etc] vehicle. Is it...?	Removed
PrivVcl	Is the [car/van]... privately owned, 2. or is it a company car?	Removed
AnyMore	Do (any of) you at present own or have continuous use of any more motor vehicles?	Removed

Rotation of Questions about Household Durables

Questions about household durables, with the exception of television ownership, are also removed for this year:

Name	Question	
Cons	Does your household have any of the following items? ... a TV satellite/cable receiver? ... a video recorder? ... a deep freeze or fridge-freezer? ... a washing machine? ... a tumble dryer? ... a dishwasher? ... a microwave oven? ... a telephone? ... a compact disc (CD) player? ... a home computer?	Removed
CentFuel	What fuel does it use?	Removed

In order to allow for the possibility of asking a new question about TV licenses sometime during the fieldwork year, the two questions on TV ownership will be retained:

Name	Question	
ConTV[1]	Does your household have any of the following items? ... a colour TV set?	Retained
ConTV[2]	... a black and white TV set? 1: 1 only 2: more than one 3: none	Retained

Reinstatement of Questions about National Health Treatment

Questions concerning National Health Services, Free prescriptions, Welfare milk, School milk and meals were rotated off for 1999/2000. These are to be reinstated for 2000/2001.

The intention of the questions is to provide information on the likely populations eligible for and making use of the NHS Low Income Scheme, or otherwise receiving help with health costs. Slight amendments have been made to tailor the routing for single person households.

Name	Question	
NHS	"In the past 4 weeks, have any of you..READ OUT...CODE ALL THAT APPLY... ... received something on prescription, ...visited the dentist for an NHS examination or treatment, ...had an eyesight test, ...purchased glasses or contact lenses, ...or been to hospital for NHS treatment?"	Reinstated
Per	"Who received the item on prescription?"	Reinstated
Prlt		Reinstated
Free	"Were the items free of charge or did [name] have to pay for them?" 1: Free of Charge 2: Had to Pay	Reinstated
WhyFree	"What was the main reason for that being free of charge?"	Reinstated
Voucher	"For the glasses/contact lenses, was an NHS voucher used to help with the cost?"	Reinstated
Trav	"Did [name] get any money back at the hospital, for travel costs?"	Reinstated
WhyFree	"What was the main reason for that being free of change?"	Reinstated

XIntro	"Has anyone else had anything... (etc)	Reinstated

Reinstatement of 'Travel to Work' Questions

The following 'Travel to Work' questions have been reinstated for this year:

Name	Question	
TtWFar	"About how far do you travel to your usual place of work?"	Reinstated
TtWFrq	"On how many days of the week do you usually travel to your normal place of work?"	Reinstated
TtWMod	"How do you usually travel to work?"	Reinstated
TtWPss	"Do you have a season ticket, bus pass or travelcard?"	Reinstated
PssAmt	"How much does the season ticket/bus pass/travelcard cost?"	Reinstated
PssDate	"And how long is it valid for?"	Reinstated
OthDate	"Please specify...?"	Reinstated
Fare	"How much does the journey by bus/train/tube etc... cost each time?"	Reinstated
OneWay	"Is that the one way or return fare?"	Reinstated
TtWPay	"Do you pay for ALL, SOME or NONE of the costs of taking the [vehicle] to work?"	Reinstated
TtWCode	INTERVIEWER: PROBE AND CODE... Respondent is passenger and contributes money to others Respondent is driver and receives money from passengers/employer etc Some other arrangement (none of the above)	Reinstated
TtWCost	"How much do you pay per week?"	Reinstated
TtWRec	"How much do you receive per week?"	Reinstated

Please note the NEW HELP SCREEN <F9> stating that:

"Some people work AWAY FROM HOME, staying temporarily in lodgings / 'digs' etc. near their place of work. If so, code only for their original journey FROM HOME and back; not the journey between lodgings and work."

.. WORKING FAMILIES AND DISABLED PERSON'S TAX CREDITS

The change from **DSS** administered Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance to the **Inland Revenue** administered *Working Families' Tax Credit* (WFTC) and *Disabled Persons Tax Credit* (DPTC) took place in October 1999.

From Oct 1999 to end-March 2000, these benefits will continue to be paid directly to applicants working 16+ hours per week as at present (via ACT, Order book or Giro cheque). From 1 April 2000, eligible employees should have these credits paid directly by employers through their wages, rather than as a benefit payment. However, self-employed people will still have the benefit paid directly to them by the Inland Revenue, and non-working partners of self-employed workers or employees can still nominate to receive the payment.

WFTC or DPTC are allocated for 26 week periods, and can be either paid regularly or in a lump sum (26 weeks' worth). A Child Care Tax Credit (CCTC) can be claimed if parents have any children aged 15 years or less who use registered child care (or 16 years if child is disabled). For couples, both parents have to be working 16+ hours per week (unless one parent is disabled).

As a result there is a NEW set of 'Tax Credit' questions in both the employment and benefits blocks, BUT **amounts will only be counted once** (EITHER in the Employment OR Benefits pay blocks) and only **one** partner in a couple can claim **either** WFTC or DPTC. Therefore, the program will not allow WFTC or DPTC details to be entered in more than one place.

New Questions in the Employment Block

(Block : QEmpjob)

If the respondent is an EMPLOYEE, after InclPay, there are the following NEW questions:

Name	Question
IncITC	"Did your last wage/salary include any of the following Tax Credit payments?" 1. Working Families' Tax Credit? 2. Disabled Person's Tax Credit? 3. (None of these)
WFTCAmt	"How much was included for WFTC payment?"
WFTCPd	"How long did this cover?"(same range as PayPd)
ContWFTC	"How long have you been in continuous receipt of WFTC?"

DPTCAmt	"How much was included for DPTC payment?"
DPTCPd	"How long did this cover?"(same range as PayPd)
ContDPTC	"How long have you been in continuous receipt of DPTC?"
CCTC	"Does this include a Child Care Tax Credit to help pay for child care expenses?"

New Soft Checks/Signals

(1) IF only **one** adult in the BU is working, a soft check will spring the first time CCTC is answered 'yes', as follows:

SIGNAL
Is this correct? Normally, Child Care Tax Credit can only be claimed if BOTH parents are in paid work for at least 16 hours per week. Please check and amend, or leave and make a note <Ctrl+ M>

(2) We have amended the Signal at 'GrWage' to note that Tax Credits can be part of Net pay, and thus affect the calculation of Gross wage:

SIGNAL
Net pay and all deductions add up to [£n] which is not the same as gross pay of [£n]. **This can be due to the payment of Tax Credits.** Please check your figures and probe **if there is** a missing amount. If unable to resolve, suppress check and enter details in a Note < Ctrl+M>

New Questions in the Benefits Block

(Block QBenefit)

If respondent is SELF-EMPLOYED they will still receive Tax Credit payments direct from Inland Revenue, so same routing as now, to Benefits. Also, there are cases where eligible employees or their spouses will be asked about Tax Credits in the Benefits Block because they are not being paid via the pay-packet.

NEW questions in the Benefit section are as follows:

Name	Question
Ben4Q	"Are you at present receiving any of these Tax Credit payments, in your own right" 1: Working Families' Tax Credit? 2: Disabled Person's Tax Credit? 3: (None of these)
WFTCAmt	"How much was included for WFTC payment?"

WFTCPd	"How long did this cover?"(same range as BenPd)
ContWFTC	"How long have you been in continuous receipt of WFTC?"
DPTCAmt	"How much was included for DPTC payment?"
DPTCPd	"How long did this cover?"
ContDPTC	"How long have you been in continuous receipt of DPTC?"
DPTCPd	"How long did this cover?"(same range as BenPd)
CCTC	"Does this include a Child Care Tax Credit to help pay for child care expenses?"
B4QFut	"Are you awaiting the outcome of a claim for any of these Tax Credits" 1: Working Families' Tax Credit? 2: Disabled Person's Tax Credit? 3: (None of these)
Ben6Q	"In the last 6 months, have you received any of these Tax Credit payments, in your own right" 1. Working Families' Tax Credit - Lump Sum payment? 2. Disabled Person's Tax Credit - Lump Sum payment? 3. (None of these)
CCTC	"Does this include a Child Care Tax Credit to help pay for child care expenses?" (following LUMP SUM question)
HowBen	How is the benefit paid?
	If HowBen=1 (order book) or 4 (benefit card) and IF Bookcard=1 (consulted now) NOTE : Inland Revenue have a different order book/benefit numbering system. SO we ask a NEW question:
OrdBkLt	PLEASE ENTER ORDER BOOK [CARD/VOUCHER] IDENTIFYING LETTERS 1. AA - Working Families' Tax Credit 2. BB - Disabled Person's Tax Credit 3. Other (make a note)

Periodic vs Lump Sum Payment of Tax Credits

If the 'Period' covered by one of the tax credit payments covers 26 weeks (6 months) but the 'Yes' answer was given at 'Ben4Q' (for periodic payments) rather than at 'Ben6Q' (for lump sum payments), the following check will be sprung:

SIGNAL

Please check: is Working Families' Tax Credit [/Disabled Person's Tax Credit] a LUMP SUM payment (ie. covering 26 weeks)? If so, return to 'Ben4Q' and enter code '3' (None of these). Then go to 'Ben6Q' and enter code '1'.

CHANGES to existing Benefits Questions.

We have removed the WFTC/ DPTC benefits from existing questions in the Benefits section.

Name	Question
Ben1Q	Drop (8) 'Disability Working Allowance/ Disabled Person's Tax Credit'
Ben3Q	Drop (3) 'Family Credit/ Working Families Tax Credit'.
B3QFut	Drop (3) 'Family Credit/ Working Families Tax Credit'.
Ben5Q	Drop (1) 'Family Credit/Working Families Tax Credit – lump sum'.

.. HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

Children and Dependent Adults

(Block : QHHG)

As explained in last years 'Guide to Changes', some children and dependent adults (16-18) are being sent to the 'adult' questions, either in a benefit unit on their own, or as an adult in someone else's benefit unit (usually because they lived with just their grandparents who were not legal guardians). This is a ongoing problem, so is worth mentioning again and trying to clarify further. The DSS have now told us what to do with various 'waifs and strays' and the program has been amended as follows:

A hard check, if a child under 16 years has nobody coded as their parent or legal guardian. The check asks you to code as parent/guardian the person who receives Child Benefit for them.

As for cohabiting 16-18 year-olds in full time further education, the DSS classifies them as 'young people' rather than dependent adults. So the questionnaire will now treat them as adults, and allow them to form a benefit unit with their partner. A new fix for this year prevents these young people from appearing as their partner's 'child'.

A soft check, if a dependent adult (aged 16-18 and in full time further education) has nobody coded as their parent/legal guardian (as shown).

SIGNAL

Who in the household is responsible for [Name]. Is there a legal guardian, or does anyone get Child Benefit for [Name]? If so, recode [Name] as that person's legal dependent(Code 3) or that person as [Name]'s parent (code 7). If not, suppress warning and continue."

For children under 16 who are cohabiting with someone, a hard check asks you instead to code someone as their parent/guardian. Obviously this should not be their partner. A household consisting only of children age 15 or younger is *not eligible* for the survey, and this check tells you of which outcome code to use (as shown).

ERROR

Name is under 16, so you MUST recode them as the child (relationship code 3) of an adult: in order of priority, the person receiving Child Benefit for them, or the legal guardian, or whoever is responsible for them. (NB. If no-one in the household is over age 15, the household is ineligible - outcome code 59).

Highest Income Householder

(Block : QHholder)

This year (survey year 2000-2001), the new definition of the Household Reference Person for government surveys and many other surveys will be the '*Highest Income Householder*'. This replaces the 'Head of Household' which was criticised for being outdated and sexist. However, for another year, **both** forms of questions will continue to be asked.

Note: There is no requirement to find out *how much* income people have; just who has the *highest*. (If two or more people have the same income - or if the answer is 'don't know' or 'refuse', then the eldest householder is chosen.)

A reminder of how it works?

As with HoH, we start with the people 'in whose name the accommodation is owned or rented': the householders. Where there is only one, that person will automatically become the **household reference person (HRP)**, without needing to ask about income.

Where there are 2 or more householders, you will be asked to code the '*Head of Household*' using standard rules (as before), and then the following question will appear:

<p><i>HiHNum</i> "You have told me that [names] jointly own or rent the accommodation. Which of you / who has the highest income (from earnings, benefits, pensions and any other sources)?</p> <p>INTERVIEWER: THESE ARE THE JOINT HOUSEHOLDERS: <i>[display of names and person numbers, up to 14]</i></p> <p>ENTER PERSON NUMBER - IF TWO OR MORE HAVE SAME INCOME, ENTER 15</p>

If you code one person, there are no more questions. If two or more householders have the *same income* you enter code 15, in which case you then need to enter the *eldest* at the next screen. (By this stage you will have already recorded ages, in the household grid. If two or more people are the same age in years, you'll need to *ask* who is the eldest.)

<p><i>JntEldA</i> "ENTER PERSON NUMBER OF THE <u>ELDEST</u> JOINT HOUSEHOLDER FROM THOSE WITH THE SAME HIGHEST INCOME. ASK OR RECORD."</p>
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If you had entered 'Don't know' or 'Refuse' to the first question about who has the highest income, this screen appears:

JntEldB
"ENTER PERSON NUMBER OF THE ELDEST JOINT HOUSEHOLDER.
ASK OR RECORD."

What if the person who owns/rents the accommodation is outside of the household?

In a very small number of cases the accommodation can be owned/rented solely by someone outside the household, and so only Code 97 is coded at '*Hholder*'. We **must** have a resident household reference person (HRP) so in such cases an additional question will be asked:

NEW QUESTION

WhoResp
Although you have mentioned that the rent or mortgage for this property is paid by someone outside of the household, there needs to be someone within the household who is responsible for this property. Who, in this household, is responsible for the accommodation?
Anyone else? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

The routing for the following questions (HiHNum etc) will then proceed as normal based on this information.

Tenure

(Block : 'QAccomDat')

Adding a question to identify if respondents live in **sheltered housing**. It is asked separately for productive and non-productive households, along with other tenure/ accommodation questions.

NOTE: This is an "ask OR record" question.

For productive households – in the Household section, AFTER 'MainAcc' INTERVIEWER CODES HHOLD'S ACCOMMODATION

We ask a NEW question:

'Shelter' : "Is this sheltered accommodation" - NEW

Sheltered accommodation is defined as: '*housing with access to a warden and/or alarms*'

Owned Accommodation And Mortgage Details

(Block : QOwner)

Changes to wording of mortgage policy questions

Following the introduction of Individual Savings Accounts this year, some questions have been updated to include ISAs as mortgage policy options.

Name	Question
'MenPolAm'	'How much was your [last premium on the (first/next) endowment policy] / [last contribution to the (pension plan/PEP/ ISA /Unit Trust)]?'
'IncMP'	"Was this mortgage protection payment included in your last payment on the mortgage/loan [£n] [or in the endowment premium/Unit Trust/PEP/ ISA / investment contribution of £n]? "
'IncMIncl'	Was it included in the mortgage payment or the [endowment premium/(pension/PEP/ ISA /Unit Trust) contribution?

Standard Tax Relief on Mortgages

Standard Tax Relief on mortgages (MIRAS) will be dropped from April 2000, so we will no longer be asking the question "TaxRelf" about this.

'TaxRelf'	-	DELETED
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Household Insurance and Properties Charges

(Blocks : QInsur and QAccomCharge)

An interviewer noted that many people buying a leasehold property actually pay insurance in with their service charges and don't know the insurance amount. So, they answer 'NO' at the question (in Block: QInsur):

<p><i>StrOths</i> Do you pay an insurance premium on the structure of this accommodation?'</p>
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However at the questions on service charges ('Charge', 'ChargeO', 'ChAmt' & 'ChPd') they will give the full amount (ie. OFTEN including insurance).

Thus, DSS has requested a NEW QUESTION to follow the service charge question if they are paying service charges.

ChIns 'Does this service charge include insurance?'

Water meters

Block 'QwaterSew'

Anyone who pays for their water charges themselves will be asked if their water is metered. To do this, we have added a NEW QUESTION before 'WaterPay':

'WaterMet' "Are your water charges metered or not?" (Yes/No) - NEW

Insurance Policies Section

(Block : QPolicies)

1. The question 'Polins' has been DELETED.
2. An addition to the question 'Premium' clarifies that the policies in question are general accident/sickness insurance, NOT life/death policies :

SHOW CARD I

Do any of you have insurance policies which cover you for any of the things on this card (**these are not life and death policies**)?

3. A NEW HELP SCREEN will also be available at 'NumPols', as follows:

Friendly society policies for sickness include:

Benevolent fund (unless stated to be a charity)-
Burial club
Beneden Healthcare Society (formerly post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society)
Death levy
Family Service Unit
Fireman's benevolent fund
Hospital savings association (HAS)
Hospital Saturday Fund
Medical aid
Mutual Aid
Oddfellows

4. Because the DSS are only interested in policies which provide an income, follow-up questions on who pays and amount paid will NOT be asked if the answer to 'Numpols' (the type of insurance) is:

- '2. Private medical',
- '7. Nursing home/long-term care', or
- '8. Any other sickness insurance'.

Childcare Section

(Block : 'QChCare')

Parents Not In Paid Work

Questions in the Childcare Section have been slightly re-ordered to ask about childcare used by parents not in paid work. However, these parents will only be asked for full details if they are paying for their childcare.

First, all parents with children in the eligible age groups are to be asked:

Name	Question	Status
'Wrk'	"Do either of you have any paid work at present?"	Unaltered
'Care'	"Does anyone else normally have to look after [names of child(ren)] on a regular basis? "	Wording change
'Cost'	"Does your childcare for [name] cost you anything?"	Unaltered

Then, if someone else looks after the child(ren) on a regular basis (Care = yes):

- Parents **in paid work** go on and answer all the childcare questions. This applies whether they pay for their childcare or not, except those questions regarding how much child care costs (CHAmt1, CHAmt2).
- Parents **not in paid work** only go on and answer all the questions IF they are **paying** for their childcare
- Parents **not in paid work**, and **not paying** for their childcare are asked no further questions

Expansion of childcare options

The child care options have also been expanded to include 'Employer provided nursery' (which can be REGISTERED) and 'Nanny/Au pair':

Name	Question
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'ChLook'	<p>"Who looks after [names of children]? Anyone else?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close relative 2. Other relative 3. Friend/neighbour 4. Childminder 5. Nursery/playgroup 6. Creche 7. Employer provided nursery 8. Nanny/ Au pair 9. Other
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Travelling Time

We will also be asking a NEW QUESTION about travelling time between home and child care.

Name	Question
'ChFar'	<p>"How long does it take to travel from your home to the place where [child name] is looked after?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Cared for at home 2: less than half an hour 3: half to one hour 4: more than one, but less than 2 hours 5: 2 hours or more

Hours of Help Given or Received

BLOCK QCare

In the interviewers' Field Report, some suggested further clarifying the number of hours spent providing help/looking after someone. A new SHOWCARD (K) for 'Hour' was suggested. The precodes for 'Hour' are as follows:

SHOWCARD K

1. 0-4 hours per week
2. 5-9 hours per week
3. 10-19 hours per week
4. 20-34 hours per week

5. 35-49 hours per week
6. 50-99 hours per week
7. 100 or more hours per week

8. Varies – under 20 hours per week
 9. Varies – 20-34 hours per week

 10. Varies – 35 hours per week or more
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REMEMBER:

There are important breaks between codes 4 and 5 and between codes 9 and 10, because those caring for 35 or more hours per week may be entitled to Invalid Care Allowance.

.. 5 BENEFIT UNIT SCHEDULE

Children Outside the Household Section

(Block : QNHHCh)

This section has been cut down for this year:

'NHHPar'	INTERVIEWER: ENTER THE PERSON NUMBER(S) OF [child]'s PARENT(S) IN HOUSEHOLD	Removed
'NHHEd'	Is [name of child] in 1: Full time education 2: or Part-time education	Removed
'NHHFee'	"Apart from leisure classes, in the last 12 months (that is since [date]), have you paid any maintenance for [child] for any educational courses at any level?"	Changed

Employment Status Section

(Block: QCurst)

Waiting To Take Up Employment

The employment status questions in FRS are revised this year to bring FRS into line with other major government surveys.

Last year, the question 'Wait', "*Were you waiting to take up a job that you had already obtained?*" was deleted as superfluous. This was because the question 'JobAway' ("*Did you have a job or business you were away from?*") has a SPONTANEOUS answer category for people waiting to take up a job/business already obtained. However, it is estimated that 50% of those waiting to start work are not being picked up, so the question 'Wait' will be reinstated.

Wait	"Were you waiting to take up a job that you had already obtained?"	Restored question: -
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If the respondent is looking for work (Look = Yes), or waiting to start work (Wait = Yes, or JobAway = 3) then we ask 'Start' – are they able to start work within 2 weeks.

The reasons why people cannot start work in the next 2 weeks will be picked up with a NEW QUESTION 'YStrtWk'.

NOTE: There has also been an alteration to Age Range for these questions. All people up to and including the age of 69 years will be asked all employment questions, including 'Wait', 'Start' and 'YstrtWk' questions.

Start	Were you able to start work in next 2 weeks? IF Start = No:	Unchanged
YStrtWk	Why are you not able to start work in next 2 weeks?" Must complete education Cannot leave present job within 2 weeks Looking after family/home Temporarily sick or injured Other reason	New

Unpaid Parental Leave

If the respondent has been away from work for more than 3 working days (AbsWrk = yes) - then the reason for absence is asked, with a new pre-coded answer referring to the new UNPAID parental leave. This refers to parents of children under 5 being entitled to up to 13 weeks of unpaid leave (per child) during a child's first 5 years:

AbsWhy	(Reason for absence?) 6 = maternity leave 7 = paternity leave 8 = compassionate leave 9 = parental leave 10 = Other – code and explain	New Precodes
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If Parental leave is coded the follow-up questions at AbsPay, Abs1No etc will appear as for the existing options at this question.

Job Descriptions

(Block : QJobDes)

Short Term Employees

DSS users expressed a need for some background information about short-term employees. This involves asking respondents employed by their current employer for less than 6 months what sort of main economic activity they had before their current job.

In BLOCK 'QJobDes': questions 'WorkYr' (year started work for current employer), 'WorkMth' (month started work for current employer), are asked.

Then, if they have been with their current employer for less than 6 months, 2 NEW questions will be asked:

WatPrev	What were you doing before this current job?" 1. In paid employment
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	2. Not in paid employment
WatDid	<p>“Why were you not in paid employment at that time?”</p> <p>Unemployed/looking for work Student /training Looking after the family home / children Caring for a disabled or elderly person Temporarily sick or injured Long-term sick or disabled Didn't need employment Retired Made redundant</p>

Self-Employed Earnings Section

(Block QselfJob)

There has been a change to the date range for questions ‘SE1’ & ‘SE2’ (beginning and end dates of the most recent accounts produced for the Inland Revenue. The cut off date is now 7 years ago, so no dates before 1993 will be accepted for SE1’ & ‘SE2’.

State and Other Benefits and Pensions

Who Recieves Benefits?

Previously, for: DLA mobility component, DLA care component, Attendance allowance, Invalid care allowance, the question ‘Who receives this benefit?’ was skipped for households with only one occupant.

This has been changed so that all respondents to this section are asked the ‘Who receives’ question, even if only 1 person is living in the household. Everyone will be asked “Who is receiving this benefit?” because they can receive it with respect to someone outside their household.

Disabled Person’s Living Allowance

A problem has occurred where some people have been saying ‘yes’ they are receiving DLA (‘Ben2Q’ = 1 or 2) and ALSO saying they have been awarded DLA to start in the future (‘B2QFut’ = 1 or 2).

There is a now a SOFT check here if people answer ‘yes’ at both questions regarding the SAME benefit. This cannot be changed to a HARD check if the DLA is awarded for 2 different household members, but can be a HARD check if for the same person.

In order to tell the difference:

If people have answered 'yes' to both 'Ben2Q' and 'B2QFut' then we will ask a NEW question:

'WhoFor'
"Is the future award of this benefit for the same person who is already receiving a DLA payment?"

Then if 'WhoFor' = yes, an ERROR message will appear:

INTERVIEWER: Present DLA circumstances take precedence over future awards for the same household member. Please delete the answer at 'B2QFut'.

Receipt of DLA by Dependent 16-19 Year Olds

(Blocks : QHealth & QBenefits)

At 'Ben2Q' Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is asked of adults, including independent 16-19 year olds if in their own Benefit Unit. BUT, 16-19 year olds who are dependent upon parents can also receive DLA in their own right, so parents need to be asked if any dependent children aged 16-19 are receiving this benefit in their own right. (NB. It can still be paid to the parent).

If a child has a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity which limits their activities in some way, then there is a new question in block QHealth for dependent children 16-19 only:

'ChDLA'
"Does (Name of child) receive any of the following payments in their own right?"
(Yes/ No)

Then in the Benefits section, the name of benefit & name of child is fed-forward to 'BenAmt' & 'BenPd':

A soft check/signal at Ben2Q ensures that if parent says yes to DLA it is not for the same child (aged 16-19) who is receiving DLA in their own right. NB A parent could have 2 disabled children, one under 16 and one over 16 years.

SIGNAL:

Respondent said earlier that [^Name of 16-18 year old] was receiving DLA [Care component/ Mobility component]. Check if DLA indicated at 'Ben2Q' is for [^Name] or for someone else. If it IS for [^Name], then delete answer at 'Ben2Q', as this has already been picked up above.

Other changes to Ben5Q

(Block : QBenefit)

'Ben5Q': In the past 6 months, have you received any of the following in your own right?

(1) In the above discussion of Tax Credits, it was noted that:

Option (1) 'Family Credit/Working Families tax credit – lump sum' is REMOVED.

(2) Apart from this, two **NEW BENEFITS** are added, so the full list is now as follows:

'Ben5Q'

- 1: A grant from the Social Fund for funeral expenses
- 2: A grant from the Social Fund for maternity expenses/**Sure Start Maternity Grant**
- 3: A Social Fund loan or Community Care grant
- 4: A Back to Work bonus
- 5: 'Extended payment' of Housing Benefit/rent rebate, or Council Tax Benefit.
- 6: Widow's payment – lump sum
- 7: **Child Maintenance Bonus**
- 8: **Lone Parent's Benefit Run-On**
- 9: Any National Insurance or State Benefit not mentioned earlier
- 10: None of these.

Explanations:

- A Sure Start Maternity grant from Social Fund will be £200.00
- Child Maintenance Bonus is available to income support and JSA (IB) recipients who have a dependant child. They must also receive child maintenance for that child (can accrue a bonus to a maximum of £1000.00)
- The Lone Parent's Benefit Run-On gives a lone parent who leaves Income Support or Job Seeker's Allowance to go to work an extra 2 weeks IS.

(3) The following four options at '**Ben5Q**' involve other than straight once-off lump sum payments:

- 5: 'Extended payment' of Housing Benefit/rent rebate, or Council Tax Benefit.
- 7: Child Maintenance Bonus
- 8: Lone Parent's Benefit Run-On
- 9: Any National Insurance or State Benefit not mentioned earlier

Therefore, they will be followed up with a period code question as well as an amount question.

Also, the interviewer notes will be changed regarding the way in which 'Extended Payment of Council Tax Benefit or Housing Benefit' is paid – ie. not in a lump sum but added on to 4 extra weekly payments (but received any time over the past 6 months – hence still in 'Ben5Q').

(4) SHOWCARD 'Z' wording is amended accordingly.

Critical Illness Cover

Interviewers have noted some confusion over how to code Critical Illness Cover at 'Ben7Q' the question regarding insurance policies that provide an income. It is now included separately as option 8:

'Ben7Q': "In the last 12 months (that is since [date], have you received any regular payments from any of these insurance schemes?"

8. Critical Illness Cover

9. Any other sickness insurance

10 None

Income from Pensions, Trusts, Royalties

(Block : 'QOIncA')

Income from Royalties/Property

DSS reported a case where Royal = 1 (received rent from property) but no amount received (PropRent = 0). The explanation was that the rental income after expenses was negative. This has happened in the past, but the DSS was not interested in negative amounts.

Now they DO want to know if the amount at PropRent is negative.

If Royal = 1 (received rent from property), PropRent (amount received) is asked and we will add a NEW question, similar to what is asked about self-employed earnings.

'RentProf'

"Is that a profit or a loss from the property?"

Children's Income

(Block : Qchinc)

The Government (Department for Education & Employment) has set up pilot schemes in 15 locations to see if financial incentives will encourage school retention rates after age 16.

The incentive, called the “**Education Maintenance Allowance**” (**EMA**), provides income to students 16+ who are still at school full-time, without affecting Child Benefit or other Benefits payable to the family. Up to £30-40 per week EMA can be paid directly to the student or to a parent – generally the mother.

3 NEW Questions have been added to the Children’s Income section, for children aged 16-18 and in full-time further (not higher) education - whether the EMA is paid to the student or their parent,:

'ChEMA'	Does ^Name receive an “Education Maintenance Allowance” (EMA) as part of the new Government pilot scheme?
'ChEMAamt'	“How much did ^Name receive last time?”
'ChEMApd'	“How long did that cover?”

Adults’ Savings and Investments

(Block : QAdint)

Amended Routing Between Benefit Units and Assets Blocks

In the past problems have occurred in households where 2 or more benefit units were eligible to enter the Assets Block. If the benefit units were not entered in numerical order they had been given by the program there was a danger that information from Benefit unit 1 could overwrite Assets block answers from other benefit units.

To avoid this the routing to the Assets block has been changed. As a result when entering the Assets block to record information about subsequent benefit units if you have already filled in Asset details for one benefit unit (whether this is BU1, 2 or 3) you will need to follow this instruction:

“IF THE ASSETS SECTION IS ALREADY STARTED,
PRESS <END> TO GET TO THE FIRST APPROPRIATE
QUESTION FOR THIS PERSON”

Discrepancies between Accounts and Assets Blocks

When savings/investments are between £1,500-20,000, the type of account is carried forward to the ASSETS block for further details. The problem is that sometimes there are conflicting account types in these follow-up questions. For

example, a different type of savings certificate or investment bond is sometimes entered in 'Assets'.

There are now 2 hard checks between 'OtInvA' and the Assets Block:

If the type of reported at Capital Bond or Deposit Bond at 'OtInvA' is NOT the same type of investment as reported in the Assets Block, at 'CapDep', there is a hard check which reads:

ERROR "Previously, in the Benefit Unit questionnaire, you recorded some Deposit Bonds, but no Capital Bonds. If the respondent has any Capital Bonds, please go back and change in the BU questionnaire, else change here (at CapDep)."
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A similar hard check will appear if a different type of National Savings Certificate ('Index Linked' or 'Fixed Interest') is quoted at 'IdxFix' in the Assets block, from that mentioned at 'OtInvA'.

Supermarket/Store Accounts

For April 2000, we need to make 'Accounts' options 1 & 6 more inclusive. The definition of accounts has been widened to include new account providers (eg. Supermarkets and stores).

Accounts	1. Current account with a bank, building society, supermarket/store or other organisation. 6. Savings account, investment account/bond, any other account with a building society, supermarket/store or any other organisation.
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There is also an extra interviewer instruction:

[CODES 1 & 6 INCLUDE INTERNET/ PHONE ACCOUNTS].

New 'InvTax' question

The variable 'AccTax' occurred twice in the savings/investments block, but with incompatible options.

We will keep 'AccInt' for both accounts and invests questions, but change question name from AccTax to **InvTax** for **investment** interest tax details for **"Govt gild-edged stock/war loans."**

'InvTax' "Is the interest (Govt gild-edged stock/war loans)" 1. After tax 2. Before tax

.. 6 ADMIN BLOCK

(Block: QAdmin)

Type of Accommodation

An NEW question has been included to identify respondents who live in sheltered housing. This 'Ask or Code' question will appear in the Admin Block and on the Non-Response form, after 'Dwelltyp'.

Shelter
"Is this sheltered accommodation"
INTERVIEWER : HOUSING WITH A WARDEN AND/OR ALARMS

NOTE: The definition of sheltered accommodation is
'housing with access to a warden and/or alarms'.

Multi-Household Checks

Two new SOFT checks have been added where more than one household is found at the address.

IF more than one household found at the address:

SIGNAL
"INTERVIEWER *** REMEMBER ***
1. You must create additional households and enter outcome codes.
2. Create no more than 2 extra households at this address, AND no more than 4 per assignment."

IF more than one household found at the address, but selected only one household:

SIGNAL
"INTERVIEWER :
Why have you selected only one household when you found more?
Have you reached your additional household quota of 4 this month?
PLEASE TYPE A NOTE TO EXPLAIN."

Total Number of Calls

The 'Total Number of Calls' question '**TNC**' has been reinstated for this year.

◆ 7 SHOW CARD AMENDMENTS IN DETAIL

NEW CARD	OLD CARD (question name)	AMENDMENT (in bold)
A	A ('Ethgrp')	
B	B ('Tenure')	
C	C ('OthWay')	
D	D ('SerInc')	
E	E ('RMPur', 'OthPur', 'OthPur3')	
F	F ('CTBand')	
G	G ('CTDisc')	
H	H ('Charge')	
I	I ('Premium', 'NumPols', 'PolMore')	'PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INSURANCE PROVIDED BY AN EMPLOYER OR PENSION SCHEME'
	J ('UseVcl')	DELETED
J	K (NeedHelp, GiveHelp)	
K	Hour	<p>NEW CARD</p> <p>0-4 hours per week 5-9 hours per week 10-19 hours per week 20-34 hours per week 35-49 hours per week 50-99 hours per week 100 or more hours per week Varies – under 20 hours per week Varies – 20-34 hours per week Varies – 35 hours per week or more</p>
L	L (Rstrct)	
M	M (Train)	
N	N (RetReas)	
O	O (Etype)	
P	NEW QUESTION (WatDid)	<p>Unemployed/looking for work Student /training Looking after the family home / children Caring for a disabled or elderly person Temporarily sick or injured Long-term sick or disabled Didn't need employment Retired Made redundant</p>

NEW CARD	OLD CARD (question name)	AMENDMENT (in bold)
Q	P (InclPay, InclPay1)	
R	Q (HHInc)	
S	R(InKind)	
T	S ('OwnSum')	
U	T (EmpPay)	
V	U ('EpType')	
W	V ('Ben1Q')	<p>(8) Disability Working Allowance ./Disabled Person's Tax Credit has been dropped, so precodes will become:</p> <p>Child Benefit Guardian's Allowance Invalid Care Allowance Retirement Pension (NI), or Old Person's Pension Widow's Pension or Widowed Mother's Allowance (NI) War Disablement Pension or War Widow's Pension(and any related allowances) Severe Disablement Allowance</p>
X	W ('Ben2Q', 'B2QFut')	
Y	X ('Ben3Q', 'B3QFut')	<p>(3) 'Family credit/Working Families Tax Credit' has been deleted so precodes will be:</p> <p>Jobseekers Allowance Income Support Incapacity Benefit Maternity Allowance Industrial Injury Disablement Benefit</p>
Z	Y ('Ben5Q')	<p>(1) Family Credit /Working Families Tax credit paid in a lump sum has been dropped, so precodes will become:</p> <p>A grant from Social Fund for funeral expenses A grant from the Social Fund for maternity expenses/Sure Start Maternity Grant A Social Fund Loan or Community Care grant A Back to Work Bonus Extended Payment of Housing Benefit/rent rebate or Council Tax Benefit (4 extra weekly payments) Widow's Payment - lump sum</p>

NEW CARD	OLD CARD (question name)	AMENDMENT (in bold)
		Child Maintenance Bonus Lone Parent's Benefit Run-On Any National Insurance or State Benefit not mentioned earlier
AA	Z(DSSPay)	
BB	AA (Ben7Q)	Amended to read: Unemployment / redundancy insurance Trade Union sick pay or strike pay Private medical scheme Personal accident insurance Permanent health insurance Hospital savings scheme Friendly Society sickness benefit Critical Illness Cover Any other sickness insurance
CC	BB (AnyPen)	
DD	CC (Royal)	
EE	DD (PropRent)	
FF	EE (Allow)	
GG	FF (OddJob)	
HH	GG (Accounts)	Amended to include: Current account with a bank, Building society, supermarket/store or other organisation National Savings Bank (Post Office) - Ordinary Account National Savings Bank (Post Office) - Investment account TESSA (Tax-Exempt Special Savings Account) ISA (Individual Savings Account) Savings account, investment account/bond, any other account with bank, building society, supermarket /store or other organisation
II	HH (Invests)	Amended to include: 4. Profit Sharing 5. Company Share Options
JJ	II (OtInvA)	
KK	JJ (TotSav,Totsave)	
LL	KK ('IncChnge')	
MM	LL ('NSAmt')	

Changes to the FRS data series

1996-97 to 2001-02

25th November Release

The FRS series from 1996-97 through to 2001-02 has been reissued to take on board harmonisation and updates to derived variables and minor data changes.

2001-02 Release C: Changes since Release B

Summary

No.	Change	Reason
1.	Deprivation Band Indicator removed for non-English Local Authorities.	Deprivation Band information is not available for non-English authorities.
2.	Amendment of travel to work costs to use dual mileage rates.	Harmonisation
3.	Family Type (FAMTHBAI) definition adjusted to be in line with HBAI definition introduced in 2001-02.	Harmonisation
4.	Correction made to usual Gross pay to stop double counting deductions.	Error in derived variable code since 1999-2000
5.	Include Back to Work Bonus and Child Maintenance Bonus in benefit income.	Incorrectly removed in 2000-01
6.	Correct format for TENTYPE	Error in derived variable formats since 1996-1997

7.	Cases on the adult table that were not weeklyised	Oversight in period code editing for quarter 4 of 2001-02
8.	VAR2 =.b for benefit=14 (JSA)	Missed in editing
9.	Incorrect HOWBEN imputed for benefit=18	Over –zealous editing
10.	Child Maintenance Bonus –cases with inappropriate period code	Editing oversight
11.	Imputation of missing values in PenAmt	Missed in editing
12.	Removal of variable VEHNUMB	Replaced by USEVCL

Details of changes

Paragraph numbers refer to the edits highlighted in the table above.

1. Misleading Deprivation Band Indicator (DEPBAND) removed for non-English Local Authorities. See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.
2. Amendment of travel to work costs to use dual mileage rates (TTWCOST). See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.
3. Family Type (FAMTHBAI) definition adjusted to be in line with HBAI definition introduced in 2001-02. See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.

4. Correction made to usual Gross pay to stop double counting deductions. (UGRSPAY). See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.
5. Undo change made to INIRBEN and INOTHBEN in 2000-01 to removed benefit types 26 and 51 (Back to Work Bonus and child maintenance bonus) and instead include within benefit income and weeklyise the lump sums. This amendment is in line with HBAI treatment
6. In 1996-97 the derived variable for specific household tenure types (TENTYPE) was changed from ten categories to eight. The format attached to this variable was not updated. This has now been corrected for all affected years.
7. There were 11 cases where PareAmt was not weeklyised and one case where NiAmt was not weeklyised in the 2001-02 dataset. This was a result of an oversight in period code editing for quarter 4 of 2001-02.
8. One case missed a VAR2 edit (Income Based or Contributory, response or imputed). Now corrected.
9. During period code editing one case edited to a set period, in error. Transaction now un-applied.
10. Child Maintenance bonuses should be edited into lump sums before release, as this is the only way these can be received. This has now been achieved and all rogue cases have had the benefits amounts converted to the lump sum amount and their period edited to 95.
11. When the Release B of the 2001-02 dataset was released, an oversight in the way data was being supplied for the PenProv table was corrected. This resulted in six additional records being inserted into the PenProv table. Three of these records contained missing PenAmt (amount paid into the pension) amounts, which were not imputed before Release B was released. These three PenAmt values have now been imputed and there are no longer any Don't Know or Refused values for PenAmt.
12. The variable VEHNUMB has been removed from the HOUSEHOL table. This variable was replaced by the variable USEVCL in 2001-02 and although VEHNUMB remained it did not contain any useful information.

2000-01 Release E: Changes since Release D

Summary

No.	Change	Reason
1.	Deprivation Band Indicator removed for non-English Local Authorities.	Deprivation Band information is not available for non-English authorities.
2.	Amendment of travel to work costs to use dual mileage rates.	Harmonisation
3.	Correction made to usual Gross pay to stop double counting deductions.	Error in derived variable code since 1999-2000
4.	Include Back to Work Bonus and Child Maintenance Bonus in benefit income.	Incorrectly removed in 2000-01
5.	Correct format for TENTYPE	Error in derived variable formats since 1996-1997

Paragraph numbers refer to the edits highlighted in the table above.

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4. Undo change made to INIRBEN and INOTHBEN in 2000-01 to removed benefit types 26 and 51 (Back to Work Bonus and child maintenance bonus) and instead include within benefit income and weeklyise the lump sums. This amendment is in line with HBAI treatment
5. In 1996-97 the derived variable for specific household tenure types (TENTYPE) was changed from ten categories to eight. The format attached to this variable was not updated. This has now been corrected for all affected years.

1999-00 Release F: Changes since Release E

No.	Change	Reason
1.	Deprivation Band Indicator removed for non-English Local Authorities.	Deprivation Band information is not available for non-English authorities.
2.	Correction made to usual Gross pay to stop double counting deductions.	Error in derived variable code since 1999-2000
3.	Correct format for TENTYPE	Error in derived variable formats since 1996-1997

Paragraph numbers refer to the edits highlighted in the table above.

1. Misleading Deprivation Band Indicator (DEPBAND) removed for non-English Local Authorities. See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.

2. Correction made to usual Gross pay to stop double counting deductions. (UGRSPAY). See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.
3. In 1996-97 the derived variable for specific household tenure types (TENTYPE) was changed from ten categories to eight. The format attached to this variable was not updated. This has now been corrected for all affected years.

1998-99 Release G: Changes since Release F

Summary

No.	Change	Reason
1.	Deprivation Band Indicator removed for non-English Local Authorities.	Deprivation Band information is not available for non-English authorities.
2.	Amendment of travel to work costs to use dual mileage rates.	Harmonisation
3.	Correct format for TENTYPE	Error in derived variable formats since 1996-1997

Paragraph numbers refer to the edits highlighted in the table above.

1. Misleading Deprivation Band Indicator (DEPBAND) removed for non-English Local Authorities. See 2002-03 Changes documentation for full details.
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1997-98 Release G: Changes since Release F

Summary

No.	Change	Reason
1.	Amendment of travel to work costs to use dual mileage rates.	Harmonisation
2.	Correct format for TENTYPE	Error in derived variable formats since 1996-1997

Note: No Deprivation Indicator information was provided with the 1997-98 dataset.

Paragraph numbers refer to the edits highlighted in the table above.

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1996-97 Release G: Changes since Release F

Summary

No.	Change	Reason
1.	Deprivation Band Indicator removed for non-English Local Authorities.	Deprivation Band information is not available for non-English authorities.
2.	Amendment of travel to work costs to use dual mileage rates.	Harmonisation
3.	Correct format for TENTYPE	Error in derived variable formats since 1996-1997

Paragraph numbers refer to the edits highlighted in the table above.

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