

Summary of changes: FRS 10-11

This document summarises the changes that will be made to the Family Resources Survey Questionnaire following the Summer 2009 consultation. Please note that this document does not include details of processing changes/improvements.

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New Questions

- Income received by trainees from Government Training Schemes
- Value held in Savings Gateway Accounts
- Additional child material deprivation questions
- Receipt and value of alimony payments
- Size and sector of organisation
- Company cars and fuel for private use
- Prescriptions

Deleted Questions

- Confirmation of difference between Housing Benefit and rent (LHAEXs and LHAless)
- References to maintenance payments from the Child Support Agency included as part of Income Support/Pension Credit (Maint)
- Components of pensions (PenLtr)
- Following a review in Summer 2009 of variables used by key FRS customers, the following questions will be removed from the questionnaire

QUESTION	SPEC	QUESTION	SPEC	QUESTION	SPEC
BENCCDIS	74	INTRUS	85	ORGWATAM	90
CHWKERN	72	INSTYPE	78	OTHPUR3	86
CHWKTST	72	ISSDATE	75	POSOUR	87
CHYRERN	72	INCOLD	89	RENTFROM	83
CHYRTST	72	LNRPINT	68	STARTYR	73
EDINT	68	LOANGVN	70	TOTCHILD	90
EDMONYR	68	LOANREC	70	TOTDEPK	90
EDTIME	69	LEGDEP	90	TRIGHTS	87
ENDYR	73	LOWSHORT	88	WATDID	80
EXRENT	83	MENSTYR	76	WATPREV	80
GRSOFAR	77	NTCDAT	71	WHERE	81
INCMSTYR	84	NTCINC	71	WHOCTBNS	90
INTRU	85	NMCHC	79	WHYNOPRO	82
INTRUPD	85	ORGSEWAM	90		

Amended Questions

- Work-related activity premium (WRAP)
 - Category removed from Ben5Q
- Work search premium (WSP)
 - Category removed from Ben5Q
- Accommodation with job
 - Wording of Accjob changed to include those living in accommodation from previous job
- Free Item
 - Additional helpscreen information for the free school meal scheme in Scotland at Freeltem
- State Retirement Pension
 - Check that recipients are state pension age or over
- In-Work Credit
 - Additional interviewer instructions at Ben5Q
- Type of education
 - Check that the type of education reported is plausible given age
 - Check that the type of education reported is consistent with reported childcare arrangements
- Tax Credits
 - Check that respondents do not report receipt of lump sums for both Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit
- Education Maintenance Allowance
 - Routing at ChEMA amended to be asked of all those aged 16-19 in full-time education or training.
- Housing Benefit
 - References to “Housing Benefit” replaced by “Housing Benefit (or Local Housing Allowance)”
- Healthy Start Vouchers
 - Healthy start vouchers to replace welfare milk answer category at Freeltem
 - Additional questions to capture who is in receipt of the vouchers and how many vouchers are claimed
- ISAs
 - Interviewer instructions and helpscreen updated at Accounts and Acclnt
- Child Trust Fund
 - Interviewer instructions at CFund updated
 - Check removed
- Benefits in kind
 - Workplace nursery category added to ExpBen
 - Subsidised canteen meals removed from ExpBen
- Total usual hours worked
 - Additional interviewer instructions at Totus1
- Household Grid
 - Additional interviewer instructions at R
- Insurance
 - Additional interview instructions for mortgage protection insurance and structural insurance

- Room share
 - Roomshar split into two questions – whether rooms are shared with anyone who is not a member of the household and if so, how many are shared
- Childcare
 - Additional interviewer instructions for length of a school term at Chpd
- Total benefits received (TtBPrx)
 - Additional interviewer instructions relating to accuracy required
- Annual water charges
 - Routing amended at WatAnul to not ask the question of those with water meters
- WhyNoUsI
 - New answer categories to reduce the number of ‘other’ responses
- Length of full-time and part-time work.
 - Additional interviewer instructions at Ftwk and Ptwk
- Gross wage
 - Additional interviewer instructions to exclude Tax Credits at GrWage and UGross
- Council tax paid by absent partner
 - New category added to Whynoct
- Council tax paid by employer
 - New category added to Whynoct
- Pension salary sacrifice
 - Check to ensure value of salary foregone for pension sacrifice is recorded at expben and not othben
- Data linking
 - Full name captured rather than initial
- Pension age for women
 - Routing changed to reflect increasing pension age for women
- White Irish
 - New category added to EthGrp
- Civil Partnerships
 - New category added to MS
 - Wording change to most categories to remove ‘or in a legally recognised civil partnership’
- Ever had a paid job
 - Wording change to Everwrk to harmonise with IHS
- Receipt of full-time or part-time education
 - Wording change to AnyEd to harmonise with IHS
- New Deal for Partners
 - New category added to Train
- New Deal for Lone Parents
 - New category added to Train
- Entry to Employment
 - New category added to Train
- Absent spouse payments
 - Clarification of period added to questions

- Employment and Support Allowance
 - Route ESA recipients to GovPay and Social Fund questions
- Older people material deprivation
 - Routing amended so the non-pensioner material deprivation questions are not asked if the pension age respondent refuses to answer the pensioner material deprivation questions
- Payslip
 - Additional interviewer instructions
- Sure Start Maternity Grant
 - Check value increased to £500.
- Frozen pensions
 - Check inconsistencies between pensions reported and contributions made
- Adult Learning Grant
 - Check amounts reported
- Rooms used for business
 - Routing amended so number of rooms used is asked for all jobs where a room is used for business
- Water and Sewerage
 - Interviewer instruction to record amount paid for water and sewerage by Scottish households who do not pay for water and sewerage via council tax
- Data linking
 - To be extended to Northern Ireland

Documentation Changes

No changes planned at present.

Other Changes

No changes planned at present.

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