

P1888: National study of the Lottery and other gambling activities

This document provides detail of the edit specification used by NatCen's Operations Department staff to edit and clean the 1999 self-completion data.

EDIT SPEC

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Below are the edit instructions (expressed for the most part in words rather than column numbers) for the questionnaire. Please get in touch if they need clarifying.

Question A1:

The answers here should be consistent with those given at B2 and B3. That is, if a respondent says that they have done an activity in the last 7 days (at B2 or B3) they should also say that they have done that activity in the last 12 months (at A1). And, conversely, if they say they have *not* done an activity in the last 12 months, they cannot have done it in the last 7 days:

For example, if qb2_1a = 1, then qa1a must = 1.¹
And, if qa1a = 2, then qb2_1a must = 2.

This is true for each activity. The activities 'match up' between A1 and B2/B3 as follows:

QA1a – activity 1
QA1b – activity 2
QA1c – activity 5
QA1d – activity 3
QA1e – activity 4
QA1f – activity 6
QA1g – activity 7
QA1h – activity 8
QA1i – activity 9
QA1j – activity 10
QA1k – activity 11
QA1l – activity 12

Question B1:

Please check that the date is feasible (within the fieldwork period)

Questions B2c & B3c:

Report records where expenditure is more than £100.

Question B4:

If a respondent has not done any gambling activities at all in the last 7 days (i.e. B2a and B3a are **all** code 2s) then it is not possible for them to 'typically' spend less. Therefore, B4 cannot = 3.

¹ This corresponds to the variable names on the archived dataset. For the rest of the edit instructions, the question numbers match the question numbers and sections in the self-completion questionnaire.

Question B5a:

If B5a = 1 then there must be at least one 'yes' (code 1) at activities 8 or 9 or 10 or 12 in the last 7 days (at B3a).

Question B6a:

If B6a = 1 then at least one of the following must be true:

B2 Activity 2d = 10

B2 Activity 4d = 8

B3 Activity 6d = 12

B3 Activity 8d = 4

B3 Activity 9d = 4

B3 Activity 10d = 4.

Question B6d:

If B6d = 2 then D8a must = code 1.

Section D:

D2 – code 5 is an exclusive code.

D5b – code 14 is an exclusive code.

D13 – code 1 is an exclusive code.

Finally, obviously, sex and age must match with the household questionnaire data for each respondent. And, the codes for the current status and job of the HIH should also match with the answers to the household questionnaire (if you need more clarification of this matching, please let the research team know).