

## Summary of changes: FRS 11/12

This document summarises the changes that were made to the Family Resources Survey (FRS) Questionnaire following the Summer 2010 consultation. Please note that this document does not include details of processing changes/improvements.

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### New Questions

- Religion (GB)
- Sexual identity
- Free school breakfasts in Wales
- Political Opinion (Northern Ireland only)

### Deleted Questions

- Winter fuel payments (WintFuel)
- Savings Gateway Accounts
- Child material deprivation questions (AddMel, AddShoe, AddepLes and CDepSum)
- Child Trust Fund questions (CFund, CFundTp, GivCFnd, Fundamt, and CfundH)
- Length of time providing care (HowLng)
- Following a review in Summer 2010 of variables used by key FRS customers, the following questions will be removed from the questionnaire

QUESTION	QUESTION	QUESTION
Abs2No	HelpRec	LookWk
AccFtPt	HowLng	NIPer
EdBorr	IncChnge	NoLook
HelpGvn	IncHiLow	NoChCr

### Amended Questions

- Childcare costs
  - New check where childcare is not free but no costs are reported
- Sure Start Maternity Grant
  - Update interviewer instructions
- Components of wage/salary
  - Routing changed so that InclPay, Bonus, and ExpBen are asked for all jobs, not just the first job.
- Training

- Routing changed so that Train, NITrain, NewDType, PrgAmt and PrgPd asked for those below state pension age
- Usual deductions
  - Routing changed so that USPPAmt and USAPAmt be based on whynou07 instead of retire.
- Health in Pregnancy Grant
  - Remove answer category from Ben4Q from January 2012
- Size of organisation
  - Increase in number of answer categories at OrgEmp
  - Interviewer instructions added to clarify how agency workers and overseas employees should be captured
- Prescriptions
  - Change routing so respondents in Scotland are not asked MedPay
  - Change routing so prescription questions asked at adult level
  - Interviewer note added to clarify how private prescriptions should be recorded
- Older people material deprivation questions
  - Routing changed to be based on state pension age rather than aged 65
- Northern Ireland Rates
  - Existing questions updated
- Current account
  - Routing changed so respondents who refuse or do not know the answer to TotSav are routed to CBAAmt
- Company cars
  - Question wording amended to help clarify which types of contributions should be recorded
  - Correct routing so only respondents who report private fuel use only are not routed to CarCon
- Critical illness cover
  - Interviewer instructions added to MPCover to clarify how critical illness cover should be recorded
- Sewerage Charges
  - Routing changed so SewAmt is not asked if the respondent has a water meter
- Bonds
  - Answer category “Fixed Rate Savings Bonds” at OtlInVA expanded to capture guaranteed income bonds and guaranteed growth bonds
- State pension age for women
  - Changes to routing to correct for changes to the state pension age for women (and related policies)
- Harmonisation changes
  - NatID and NINatID updated according to the harmonised standards
  - EthGrp and NIEthGrp updated according to the harmonised standards
- SIPPs and GSIPPs

- Interviewer note added to EmpPen and Perspen to provide details on self invested personal pensions and group self invested personal pensions
- EMA
  - New check when a respondent living in England reports receipt of EMA

## Documentation Changes

No changes planned at present.

## Other Changes

- The household definition was updated to be in line with the 2011 Census and other ONS surveys.  
The definition will change from:  
“one person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping - that is sharing either a living room or sitting room **or** at least one meal a day”  
to:  
“one person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities **and** share a living room or sitting room or dining area”
- Interviewer instructions were changed so that one household, rather than a maximum of three, be interviewed at multi-household addresses.
- SOC2010 to replace SOC2000

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