

2008 Questionnaire Changes

Table 1 provides a list of changes that were made to the LFS questionnaire in the JM08 quarter. Further information on these variables can be found in Volume 3 of the LFS User Guide and a copy of the questionnaire can be found in Volume 2. Please contact me if you would like to receive hard copies of these volumes.

Table 1. Changes made to the LFS questionnaire during JM08.

Section	2008 version of LFS variable	2007 version of LFS variable	Nature of change
Nationality, citizenship, identity and ethnicity.	CameYr		Amended question wording.
	ContUK		New question
	CameYr2		Amended question wording.
	CameMt		Amended question wording.
Education and training	Appr8	Appr4	Amended question wording. Specifies that question refers to 'trade, advanced and modern apprenticeships'
	BTEC8	BTEC7	Question amended to include different qualifications.
	CryDeg		New question.
	Hiqua5d		Banded version of HIQUAL8 - see HIQUAL8
	Hiqua8	Hiqua6	Hiqua8 replaces Hiqua6 with additional category created for Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate – changes to codes 37-50.
	Hitqua8	Hitqua5	Hitqua 8 replaces hitqua5 with additional categories created for Welsh advanced, intermediate and foundation Baccalaureates – changes to codes 14-43.
	Hnftstud		This is derived from Cured8.
	Soc2kap		Appr8 replaces Appr4 with response category modified - change to codes 1,2,3
	Stucur		This is derived from Cured8.
	Wbac		New variable
	WlshBc8	WlshBc	New response category added.

Government Training Schemes	Schm08	Schm04	First response category changed from 'work based training' to 'work based learning'. New response category – 'Entry to employment'
Main Job	ConPre		New question.
	ConPry		New question
	ConPrm		New question
	ConPrr		New question.
	Howget		Amended response category. Connexions is included in response category 3.
Economic activity	Inecac05		Inactive variables have been expanded. Underlying variables Nolook and Nowant have been replaced by NOLWM. Changes to code 18-34.
ILO unemployment	Wnleft		Age filter in flowchart modified.
	Wnleft2		Age filter in flowchart modified.

Adlearn7/Adlear7n

Shortfalls were noted in Adlearn7 whereby some respondents who had attained educational qualifications over the last 12 months were omitted from the results. This variable has now been reformatted and is titled Adlear7n. Data for JD07 has also been reformatted to ensure continuity.

Cured8

The cured (current education received) derived variable has been updated to include changes that were made to the learning variables in 2008.

Durun

The Durun (duration of unemployment) derived variable has been updated to include changes that were made to government training scheme variables in 2008.

Durun2

The Durun (duration of unemployment) derived variable has been updated to include changes that were made to government training scheme variables in 2008.

Travel to Work.

Due to an error in the Blaise programme, 12 variables which should have been included in the enhanced sample were included in the main sample only. SVS has therefore included these variables for 2008. These variables are **Drivl, DRFP, Dltyp, Trleave, TRefEmp, TRefT(1-10), TDifEMP, TrdSame, TDifT(1-6), TrvTme, TrvMth and TrvDrv.**

In 2008, 2009, 2012 etc these questions will be asked in waves 1 and 5, all quarters, for the main sample. For the enhanced sample they will be asked in waves 1 to 4 all quarters.

In 2010, 2011, 2013 etc the questions will be asked in October – December quarter for the main sample (waves 1 and 5 only).

National Identity and Welsh Language data.

As they are not expected to change over the period of participation in the survey the National Identity and Welsh Language questions are asked only at the first contact with each household, regardless of at which wave the first contact is made. This information is automatically rotated into every subsequent interview with that household.

In Jan-Mar08 these questions were asked only of households in Wave One of the survey. Households with which we made first contact at waves two to five (quarterly LFS sample) or waves two to four (boost sample), were not asked these questions. For these households this information is not available for Jan-Mar08. Also, because of the risks inherent in modifying the questionnaire at such a fundamental level, and the resources required to do so, it will not be practical to collect this information at future waves.

Weighting variable

The weighting variable is called PWT07.

Changes made since the release of the QA dataset.*

Finally the following changes have been made since the production of the QA dataset:

- For Q3 of the variable **agedfe** 6 cases have been amended from 0 to -8
- For the variables **hiqua18y** and **hiqua8y** bridging variables have been added for Q3.
- Q3's data have been added to **ward03**
- The following geographies have been updated to reflect the latest NSPD: **ualadgb**, **uala**, **uacnty**, **govtor**, **govtof**, **govtof2**.

*Users should note that some of these variables may not be included on the UKDA APS datasets, or may be subject to Special Licence access.