

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education 2011/12

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Please complete/amend details as appropriate.

Name

Address

Postcode Telephone

Email

University/college attended

Title of course studied

You have been sent this questionnaire because you completed a higher education qualification between 1 August and 31 December 2011. Further information on the purpose of the survey and the use that will be made of the information you provide is included in the letter you received with this questionnaire.

'Tick boxes' which look like this require you to tick **ONE ANSWER ONLY** for those questions.

'Tick boxes' which look like this require you to tick **ALL THE ANSWERS WHICH APPLY TO YOU**.

SECTION A What were you doing on 16 April 2012?

Q1 On 16 April were you...?

Please tick **ALL** the activities you were doing and then indicate which one of them is most important to you (it might be the one which is helping you to progress towards the career that you want).

	Activities	Most important
Working full-time (including self-employed/freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work, developing a professional portfolio/creative practice or on an internship)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (1)
Working part-time (including self-employed/freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work, developing a professional portfolio/creative practice or on an internship)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (2)
Unemployed and looking for work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (3)
Due to start a job in the next month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (4)
Engaged in full-time further study, training or research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (5)
Engaged in part-time further study, training or research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (6)
Taking time out in order to travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (7)
Something else	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (8)

SECTION B Your employment on 16 April 2012

If you were engaged in any employment (including self-employed/freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work, developing a professional portfolio/creative practice or an internship) on 16 April 2012 please continue with this section. If not go to SECTION C.

Q2 If you had more than one job on 16 April 2012, how many jobs did you have in total?

For the following questions, please provide details of what you consider to be your **MAIN** job. Your main job might be the one that you spend the most time doing, the one which pays you the most money or is related to your future plans.

Q3 What was your job title?

Q4 Briefly describe your duties (e.g. maintaining and updating company intranet).

Q5 Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed on 16 April 2012?

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| Self-employed/freelance | <input type="radio"/> (01) | Voluntary work | <input type="radio"/> (06) |
| Starting up own business | <input type="radio"/> (02) | On an internship | <input type="radio"/> (07) |
| On a permanent or open-ended contract | <input type="radio"/> (03) | Developing a professional portfolio/creative practice | <input type="radio"/> (08) |
| On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer | <input type="radio"/> (04) | Temping (including supply teaching) | <input type="radio"/> (09) |
| On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months | <input type="radio"/> (05) | Other | <input type="radio"/> (10) |

Q6 What was your annual pay for your main employment to the nearest thousand (£) before tax?

(£) Unpaid work

Q7 If you were working part-time in your main job, approximately how many hours a week do you work?

Q8 If this was not your only employment on 16 April 2012, what do you estimate your total earnings would be for a year to the nearest thousand (£) before tax?

(£)

Q9 What is the name of the company/organisation you were working for? (If you got the job that you were doing through an agency, please provide the name of your place of work on 16 April 2012 and not the name of the agency).

Q10 What does the company/organisation you were working for mainly do? (e.g. software design, primary school education)

Q11 Where was your place of work and, if in the UK, what is the postcode?

Town/city/area Postcode (UK ONLY)
Country if not in the UK

Q12 Did you need the qualification you recently obtained to get the job you were doing on 16 April 2012 (the actual qualification, not the subject of study)?

- Yes: the qualification was a formal requirement (11)
- Yes: while the qualification was not a formal requirement it did give me an advantage (12)
- No: the qualification was not required (13)
- Don't know (14)

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Q13 As far as you are aware, what was most important to your employer about your qualification?

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| The subject(s) studied | <input type="radio"/> (1) | No one thing was most important | <input type="radio"/> (5) |
| The level of study | <input type="radio"/> (2) | Don't know | <input type="radio"/> (8) |
| Sandwich/work experience (gained as part of my course) | <input type="radio"/> (4) | | |

SECTION B Your employment on 16 April 2012 (continued)

Q14 Why did you decide to take the job you were doing on 16 April 2012? Please tick ALL the reasons why you decided to take the job and then indicate the ONE MAIN reason for your decision.

	Reasons	Main reason
It fitted into my career plan/it was exactly the type of work I wanted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (01)
It was the best job offer I received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (02)
It was the only job offer I received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (03)
It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (04)
To see if I would like the type of work it involved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (05)
To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (06)
It was in the right location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (07)
The job was well-paid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (08)
In order to earn a living/pay off debts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> (09)

Q15 How did you first find out about this job?

Your university/college (e.g. Careers Service, lecturer, website)	<input type="radio"/> (01)	Professional networking	<input type="radio"/> (06)
Media (e.g. newspaper/magazine advertisement)	<input type="radio"/> (02)	Speculative application	<input type="radio"/> (07)
Employer's website	<input type="radio"/> (03)	Already worked there (including on an internship)	<input type="radio"/> (08)
Recruitment agency/website	<input type="radio"/> (04)	Other	<input type="radio"/> (09)
Personal contacts, including family and friends	<input type="radio"/> (05)		

Q16 Thinking still about your employer on 16 April 2012, did you work for this employer before or during the programme of study you recently completed?

Yes: before my programme of study	<input type="radio"/> (1)	Yes: before and during my programme of study	<input type="radio"/> (3)
Yes: during my programme of study	<input type="radio"/> (2)	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> (4)

GO TO SECTION C

Q17 In which of the ways listed below did you work for this employer? (Please tick all that apply)

On a sandwich placement	<input type="checkbox"/> (01)	Full-time or part-time work during term time	<input type="checkbox"/> (05)
On another kind of placement or project work	<input type="checkbox"/> (02)	On an internship	<input type="checkbox"/> (06)
As a holiday job	<input type="checkbox"/> (03)	In other ways	<input type="checkbox"/> (07)
Full-time or part-time work all year round	<input type="checkbox"/> (04)		

SECTION C Newly qualified teacher status only

Complete this section if the qualification you completed between 1 August and 31 December 2011 gave you newly qualified teacher status in the UK? If not go to SECTION D.

Q18 Were you employed as a teacher on 16 April 2012?

Yes (1) No (2)

Only answer Q19 if you gained your teacher status at a university or college in Scotland.

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Q19 Were you employed as a teacher through the GTC Scotland Teacher Induction Scheme?

Yes (1) No (2)

Q20 Were you teaching in a state-funded or non-state-funded school or college?

State-funded school or college	<input type="radio"/> (1)	Non-state-funded school or college	<input type="radio"/> (3)
Both state-funded and non-state-funded school or college	<input type="radio"/> (2)	Not known	<input type="radio"/> (4)

Q21 Were you teaching at the primary or secondary phase or in a college or other educational establishment?

Primary	<input type="radio"/> (1)	Both primary and secondary	<input type="radio"/> (3)
Secondary	<input type="radio"/> (2)	College (e.g. 6th Form) or other educational establishment	<input type="radio"/> (4)

Q22 If you were not employed as a teacher on 16 April 2012 or were on a temporary teaching contract, (including on a probation year in Scotland) were you seeking a teaching post on 16 April 2012?

Yes (1) No (2)

SECTION D Your further study, training or research

If you were undertaking any further study or training or were registered as a research student on 16 April 2012, please continue with this section. If not please go to SECTION E.

Q23 If you were undertaking more than one course on 16 April 2012, how many courses were you registered on in total?

For the following questions, please provide details of what you consider to be your MAIN study, training or research. Your main study, training or research might be the one you spend the most time doing, or the one which is related to your future plans.

Q24 Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for?

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| Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. PhD, DPhil, MPhil) | <input type="radio"/> (01) | First degree (e.g. BA, BSc, MEng) | <input type="radio"/> (04) |
| Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc) | <input type="radio"/> (02) | Other diploma or certificate | <input type="radio"/> (05) |
| Postgraduate diploma or certificate (including PGCE) | <input type="radio"/> (03) | Other qualification | <input type="radio"/> (07) |
| Professional qualification
(e.g. Legal Practice Course, Chartered Institute of Marketing) | <input type="radio"/> (06) | Not aiming for a formal qualification | <input type="radio"/> (98) |

Q25 What is the name of the course you were registered on? (e.g. MSc in Interactive Media)

Q26 What subject were you studying, training in or researching?

Q27 What is the name of the university or college at which you were registered?

Q28 How did you mainly fund your study, training or research?

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| Self-funding (e.g. savings/loans/employment) | <input type="radio"/> (01) | Sponsorship | <input type="radio"/> (03) |
| Grant or award (e.g. Research Council Studentship, bursary(s)) | <input type="radio"/> (02) | Other | <input type="radio"/> (05) |
| My employer provided financial support (e.g. course fees, provision of study leave) | | | <input type="radio"/> (04) |

SECTION E Your overall higher education experience

Thank you for telling us about what you were doing on 16 April 2012.

Finally, please could you reflect on your overall experience in higher education.

Q29 How well did your overall experience in higher education prepare you for employment?

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Very well | Well | Not very well | Not at all | Can't tell |
| <input type="radio"/> (1) | <input type="radio"/> (2) | <input type="radio"/> (3) | <input type="radio"/> (4) | <input type="radio"/> (5) |

Q30 How well did your overall experience in higher education prepare you for further study?

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Very well | Well | Not very well | Not at all | Can't tell |
| <input type="radio"/> (1) | <input type="radio"/> (2) | <input type="radio"/> (3) | <input type="radio"/> (4) | <input type="radio"/> (5) |

Q31 How well did your overall experience in higher education prepare you for being self-employed/freelance or for starting up your own business?

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Very well | Well | Not very well | Not at all | Can't tell |
| <input type="radio"/> (1) | <input type="radio"/> (2) | <input type="radio"/> (3) | <input type="radio"/> (4) | <input type="radio"/> (5) |

SECTION F Thank you for completing this questionnaire

Before you submit this form, please take a few minutes to ensure that you have completed ALL the questions which apply to you and that you have completed them accurately. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

Your signature

Date
dd/mm/yyyy

You may be contacted as part of a follow-up survey planned for three years' time. If you do not want to be included please tick here