

# Graduate Outcomes Questionnaire (GOQ)

## Core instrument

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Item	Question stem	Response options
<b>Module A: Screening and confirmation</b>		
<b>Module B: Labour Force</b>		
PREWORKED	Next, we would like to understand what you are currently doing in terms of work and study. A number of questions may seem similar, however these items are based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Labour Force Survey. Using the ABS approach means the information you provide is more robust and able to be compared to national employment statistics.	
WORKED	Thinking about last week, the week starting <daystart>, <datestart> and ending last <dayend>, <dateend>.  Last week, did you do any work <b>at all</b> in a job, business or farm?	1. Yes 5. No 6. Permanently unable to work 7. Permanently not intending to work *(DISPLAY IF AGE>64)
WWOPAY	Last week, did you do any work without pay in a family business?	1. Yes 5. No 6. Permanently not intending to work *(DISPLAY IF AGE>64)
AWAYWORK (modified in 2025)	Did you have a job, business or farm that you were away from because of holidays, sickness or any other reason?	2. Yes – away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement 3. Yes – away from a business that I own 4. Yes – on strike, locked out or in an industrial dispute 7. Yes, holidays, sickness, or other reason 5. No 6. Permanently not intending to work *(DISPLAY IF AGE>64)
AWAYLONG (new in 2025)	Up until the end of last week, how long had you been away from work?	1. Less than 4 weeks 5. 1 to 3 months 6. More than 3 months

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AWAYPAID (new in 2025)	Were you paid, or will you be paid, for any part of the last <b>4 weeks</b> ?	1. Yes, I received workers' compensation and <b>expect</b> to return to employer 2. Yes, I received workers' compensation and <b>do not expect</b> to return to employer 3. Yes, I received other form of payment from employer 5. No
WANTJOB (new in 2025)	Even though you are not currently working, would you like a paid job of any kind at the moment?	1. Yes, I <b>could</b> start within 4 weeks if work was available 2. Yes, but I <b>could not</b> start within 4 weeks if work was available 5. No
LOOKFTWK (modified in 2025)	At any time during the last <b>4 weeks</b> have you been looking for full-time work?  <i>Please note:</i> • 'Actively looking for work' includes written, telephoned or applied to an employer; had an interview with an employer for work; answered an advertisement for a job; checked or registered with an employment agency; taken steps to purchase or start your own business; advertised or tendered for work; and contacted friends or relatives to find work. • 'Passively looking for work' includes only looking in newspapers, the internet, or notice boards, and not taking any specific action to obtain work from these sources.	2. Yes, I have been <b>actively</b> looking for full-time work 3. Yes, I have been <b>passively</b> looking for full-time work 5. No 6. Permanently not intending to work *(DISPLAY IF AGE>64)
LOOKPTWK (modified in 2025)	At any time during the last <b>4 weeks</b> have you been looking for part-time work?  <i>Please note:</i> • 'Actively looking for work' includes written, telephoned or applied to an employer; had an interview with an employer for work; answered an advertisement for a job; checked or registered with an employment agency; taken steps to purchase or start your own business; advertised or tendered for work; and contacted friends or relatives to find work. • 'Passively looking for work' includes only looking in newspapers, the internet, or notice boards, and not taking any specific action to obtain work from these sources.	2. Yes, I have been <b>actively</b> looking for part-time work 3. Yes, I have been <b>passively</b> looking for part-time work 5. No 6. Permanently not intending to work *(DISPLAY IF AGE>64)
WAITWORKFU (new in 2025)	<b>Last week</b> , were you waiting to start paid work you had already obtained?  <i>Please note 'work you had already obtained' refers to new types of work that you have acquired but not yet commenced. This includes waiting for a graduate role to commence.</i>	1. Yes 5. No
STARTWK	If you had found a job, could you have started last week?	1. Yes 5. No

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WAITWORK	<p>You mentioned that you didn't look for work during the <b>last 4 weeks</b>. Was that because you were waiting to start work you had already obtained?</p> <p><i>Please note 'work you had already obtained' refers to new types of work that you have acquired but not yet commenced. This includes waiting for a graduate role to commence.</i></p>	<p>1. Yes 5. No</p>
STARTWKOB (new in 2025)	<p>Will you be starting that work in the <b>next 4 weeks</b>?</p>	<p>1. Yes 5. No</p>
STARTNOWK (new in 2025)	<p>Could you have started last week if that work had been available?</p>	<p>1. Yes 5. No</p>
BEGNLOOK	<p>When did you begin looking for work?</p>	<p>1. Enter <b>month</b> &lt;dropdown list&gt; 2. Enter <b>year</b> (NUMERIC RANGE 1960 – &lt;currentyear&gt;)</p>
RSNILF1 (new in 2025)	<p>You mentioned that you are not currently working. What is the main reason you are not currently working?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<p>1. No jobs or vacancies in local area 2. No jobs in my line of work 3. No jobs with suitable conditions/arrangements/hours in my local area 4. Not enough work experience/skills/training 5. Employers unwilling to hire me due to ill health or disability 6. Considered to be too old by employers 7. Retired 8. Difficulties with language or ethnic background 9. Waiting for accreditation/registration 10. Long-term health condition or disability 11. Short-term illness or injury 12. Caring for a person with a health condition or disability 13. Caring for children 14. Pregnancy 15. Performing home duties 16. Studying or returning to studies 17. On a temporary holiday or leisure activity 18. Lifestyle choice 19. Visa restrictions 20. Waiting for permanent residency 96. Other (Please specify)</p>

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RSNILF2 (new in 2025)	<p>You mentioned that you are not intending to work permanently. What is the <b>main reason</b> you are not intending to work?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No jobs or vacancies in local area</li> <li>2. No jobs in my line of work</li> <li>3. No jobs with suitable conditions/arrangements/hours in my local area</li> <li>4. Employers unwilling to hire me due to ill health or disability</li> <li>5. Retired</li> <li>6. Difficulties with language or ethnic background</li> <li>7. Considered to be too old by employers</li> <li>8. Long-term health condition or disability</li> <li>9. Caring for a person with a health condition or disability</li> <li>10. Caring for children</li> <li>11. Pregnancy</li> <li>12. Performing home duties</li> <li>13. Lifestyle choice</li> <li>14. Visa restrictions</li> <li>96. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
RSNOTWRK (new in 2025)	<p>You mentioned that you are not currently working and you have been away from your job for 1 month or more. What is the <b>main reason</b> you are not currently working?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Time off work</li> <li>2. Own illness or injury</li> <li>3. Personal reasons</li> <li>4. Study</li> <li>5. Caring for sick/injured family</li> <li>6. Maternity leave or paternity leave</li> <li>7. Parental leave</li> <li>8. No work/not enough work available</li> <li>9. Stood down</li> <li>10. Bad weather/plant breakdown</li> <li>11. Seasonal work/end of season</li> <li>96. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
MORE1JOB	<p>Did you have <b>more than 1 job or business last week</b>?</p> <p><i>Please note 'more than 1 job or business last week' include jobs or businesses that you had even if you didn't work at one or more of those jobs or businesses last week.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>5. No</li> </ol>
SELFEMP	<p>Did you work for an employer, or in your own business?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Employer</li> <li>2. Own business</li> <li>3. Other or uncertain</li> </ol>
PAYMENT	<p>Are you paid a wage or salary, or some other form of payment?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wage or salary</li> <li>5. Other or uncertain</li> </ol>

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PAYARRNG	What are your <working/payment> arrangements?	10. Unpaid voluntary work 11. Unpaid trainee or work placement 12. Contractor or Subcontractor 13. Own business or Partnership 14. Commission only 15. Commission with retainer 16. In a family business without pay 17. Payment in kind 18. Paid by the piece or item produced 19. Wage or salary earner 20. Other (Please specify)
ACTLHRSM	How many hours did you <b>actually</b> work in your main job last week less <b>time off</b> but counting any <b>extra hours</b> worked?  <i>Please note:</i> • 'time off' includes hours lost due to illness, vacation or holidays, personal or family responsibilities, or job strike. • 'extra hours' includes any hours worked during the reference week over and above the standard or scheduled paid hours whether at penalty or award pay rates.	1. Enter hours (NUMERIC, RANGE 0-168)
USLHRSM	How many hours do you usually work each week in your <b>main job</b> ?	1. Enter hours (NUMERIC, RANGE 0-168)
ACTLHRS	How many hours did you <b>actually work</b> last week less <b>time off</b> but counting any <b>extra hours worked</b> *(DISPLAY IF MORE1JOB=1) <b>in all jobs?</b>	1. Enter hours (NUMERIC, RANGE 0-168)
USLHRS	How many hours do you <b>usually</b> work each week (*DISPLAY IF MORE1JOB=1) <b>in all your jobs?</b>	1. Enter hours (NUMERIC, RANGE 0-168)

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RSACTLHRS (new in 2025)	<p>What was the <b>main reason</b> you worked less than your usual hours last week?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual leave/holidays/flextime/long service leave</li> <li>2. Own illness or injury/sick leave</li> <li>3. Standard work arrangements/shift work</li> <li>4. Personal reasons/study/caring for sick/injured family</li> <li>5. Maternity leave or paternity leave</li> <li>6. Parental leave</li> <li>7. No work/not enough work available</li> <li>8. Stood down</li> <li>9. Bad weather/plant breakdown</li> <li>10. On strike/locked out/industrial dispute</li> <li>11. Seasonal work/end of season</li> <li>12. Began/left/lost job during the week</li> <li>96. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
PREFMHRS	<p>Would you prefer to work more hours than you usually work (*DISPLAY IF MORE1JOB=1) <b>in all your jobs?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>5. No</li> <li>6. Don't know</li> </ol>
PREFHRS	<p>How many hours a week would you like to work?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enter hours (NUMERIC, RANGE 0-168, CAN'T BE LESS THAN USLHRS)</li> </ol>
AVLMHRS	<p>Last week, were you available to work more hours than you usually work?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>5. No</li> </ol>
AVFMHRS (new in 2025)	<p>In the <b>next 4 weeks</b>, would you be available to work more hours than you usually work?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>5. No</li> </ol>

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RSNOMORE	<p>You mentioned that you would not prefer to work more hours. What is the <b>main reason</b> you work the number of hours you are currently working?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No suitable job in my local area</li> <li>2. No job with a suitable number of hours</li> <li>3. No suitable job in my area of expertise</li> <li>7. Long-term health condition or disability</li> <li>8. Caring for family member with a health condition or disability</li> <li>9. Caring for children</li> <li>10. Studying</li> <li>12. I'm satisfied with the number of hours I work</li> <li>13. No more hours available in current position</li> <li>15. Due to contract restrictions</li> <li>16. Pursuing other interests/commitments in spare time</li> <li>17. Waiting for accreditation/registration</li> <li>11. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
RSMORE	<p>You mentioned that you would prefer to work more hours. What is the <b>main reason</b> you work the number of hours you are currently working?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No suitable job in my local area</li> <li>2. No job with a suitable number of hours</li> <li>3. No suitable job in my area of expertise</li> <li>4. Considered to be too young by employers</li> <li>5. Considered to be too old by employers</li> <li>9. Caring for children</li> <li>10. Studying</li> <li>12. No more hours available in current position</li> <li>14. Financial reasons</li> <li>15. Due to visa restrictions/waiting for permanent residency</li> <li>16. Waiting for accreditation/registration</li> <li>11. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
OCC	<p>What is your occupation in your <b>&lt;main job/job/business/new job&gt;?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &lt;Predictive verbatim text box&gt; *OCCUPATION LOOKUP LIST</li> </ol>
DUTIES	<p>What are your main tasks and duties?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &lt;verbatim text box&gt;</li> </ol>
EMPLOYER	<p>What is the <b>name of your &lt;employer/business/employer or business/new employer&gt;?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &lt;verbatim text box&gt;</li> </ol>

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INDUSTRY	<p>What kind of <b>business or service</b> is carried out by your <b>&lt;employer at the place where you work/business&gt;</b>?</p> <p><i>Please note 'business or service' refers to the industry your work falls under; for example, retail, construction, education.</i></p>	<p>1. Enter business or service &lt;text box&gt; 90. Other (please specify)</p>
SECTOR	<p>In what sector are you wholly or mainly employed?</p>	<p>1. Public or government 2. Private 3. Not-for-profit</p>
INAUST	<p>Are you working in Australia?</p>	<p>1. Yes 2. No 3. Not sure</p>
EMPSTATE	<p>In which state or territory is your <b>&lt;employer/business/new employer&gt;</b> currently located?</p>	<p>1. NSW 2. VIC 3. QLD 4. SA 5. WA 6. TAS 7. NT 8. ACT 98. Don't know</p>
LOCATION	<p>And what is the postcode of your <b>&lt;employer/business/new employer&gt;</b>?</p>	<p>1. &lt;Predictive verbatim text box&gt; *POSTCODE LOOKUP LIST 2. Not sure</p>
COUNTRYx	<p>In which country is your <b>&lt;employer/business/new employer&gt;</b> mainly based?</p>	<p>1. &lt;Predictive verbatim text box&gt; *SACC COUNTRY LIST &amp; SUPPRESS AUSTRALIA CODE (1101) FROM DISPLAY</p>
CURCOUNTRY	<p>Do you currently live in Australia or overseas?</p>	<p>1. Australia 2. Overseas</p>

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CURSTATE	In which state or territory do you usually live?	1. NSW 2. VIC 3. QLD 4. SA 5. WA 6. TAS 7. NT 8. ACT 98. Don't know
CURPCODE	What is the postcode or suburb where you usually live?	1. Enter postcode or suburb *POSTCODE LOOKUP LIST 2. Not sure
OSCOUNTRY	In which country do you currently live?	1. <Predictive text verbatim text box> *SACC COUNTRY LIST & SUPPRESS AUSTRALIA CODE (1101) FROM DISPLAY
EMP12	Have you worked <for your employer/in your business> for 12 months or more?	1. Yes, more than 12 months 5. No, less than 12 months
EMPMTHS	How many months have you worked <for your employer/in your business>?	1. Enter number of months (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-12)
EMPYRS	How many years have you worked <for your employer/in your business>?	1. Enter number of years (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-49)
FFTJOB	Is this your first full-time job?	1. Yes 2. No
SALARYA	In <b>Australian dollars</b> , how much do you usually earn in <b>&lt;this job/all your jobs&gt;</b> , before tax or anything else is taken out? <i>Please make only one selection. Specify in whole dollars, excluding spaces, commas, dollar sign (\$).</i>	1. Amount per <b>hour</b> (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-250) 2. Amount per <b>day</b> (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-800) 3. Amount each <b>week</b> (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-4000) 4. Amount each <b>fortnight</b> (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-8000) 5. Amount each <b>month</b> (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-17,500) 6. Amount each <b>year</b> (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-250K) 7. No earnings 8. Don't know

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SALARYB	Sorry but the salary you entered doesn't fit within our range. Please select the best option for how much you would usually earn in < IF MORE1JOB=5: this job/ IF MORE1JOB=1: <b>all your jobs</b> >, per annum before tax or anything else was taken out?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$1 - \$9,999</li> <li>2. \$10,000 - \$19,999</li> <li>3. \$20,000 - \$29,999</li> <li>4. \$30,000 - \$39,999</li> <li>5. \$40,000 - \$49,999</li> <li>6. \$50,000 - \$59,999</li> <li>7. \$60,000 - \$79,999</li> <li>8. \$80,000 - \$99,999</li> <li>9. \$100,000 - \$124,999</li> <li>10. \$125,000 - \$149,999</li> <li>11. \$150,000 or more</li> <li>12. Don't know</li> </ol>
SALARYC	And in <b>Australian dollars</b> , how much do you usually earn in your <b>main job</b> , before tax or anything else is taken out? <i>Please make only one selection. Specify in whole dollars, excluding spaces, commas, dollar sign (\$).</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amount per hour (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-250)</li> <li>2. Amount per day (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-800)</li> <li>3. Amount each week (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-4000)</li> <li>4. Amount each fortnight (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-8000)</li> <li>5. Amount each month (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-17,500)</li> <li>6. Amount each year (Please specify) (NUMERIC, RANGE 1-250K)</li> <li>7. No earnings</li> <li>8. Don't know</li> </ol>
SALARYD	Sorry but the salary you entered doesn't fit within our range. Please select the best option for how much you would usually earn in your main job, per annum before tax or anything else was taken out?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$1 - \$9,999</li> <li>2. \$10,000 - \$19,999</li> <li>3. \$20,000 - \$29,999</li> <li>4. \$30,000 - \$39,999</li> <li>5. \$40,000 - \$49,999</li> <li>6. \$50,000 - \$59,999</li> <li>7. \$60,000 - \$79,999</li> <li>8. \$80,000 - \$99,999</li> <li>9. \$100,000 - \$124,999</li> <li>10. \$125,000 - \$149,999</li> <li>11. \$150,000 or more</li> <li>12. Don't know</li> </ol>

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SALCONF1	Sorry but the salary you entered for your <b>main job</b> is higher than the salary you entered for <b>all your jobs</b> . Please select the best option for how much you would usually earn in your <b>main job</b> , per annum before tax or anything else was taken out?	1. \$1 - \$9,999 2. \$10,000 - \$19,999 3. \$20,000 - \$29,999 4. \$30,000 - \$39,999 5. \$40,000 - \$49,999 6. \$50,000 - \$59,999 7. \$60,000 - \$79,999 8. \$80,000 - \$99,999 9. \$100,000 - \$124,999 10. \$125,000 - \$149,999 11. \$150,000 or more 12. Don't know
SALCONF2	And which of the following would you usually earn in your <b>all your jobs</b> , per annum before tax or anything else was taken out?	1. \$1 - \$9,999 2. \$10,000 - \$19,999 3. \$20,000 - \$29,999 4. \$30,000 - \$39,999 5. \$40,000 - \$49,999 6. \$50,000 - \$59,999 7. \$60,000 - \$79,999 8. \$80,000 - \$99,999 9. \$100,000 - \$124,999 10. \$125,000 - \$149,999 11. \$150,000 or more 12. Don't know
SALARYOS	What is your gross (that is pre-tax) annual salary?	1. Enter gross annual salary (NUMERIC) *CURRENCY LOOKUP LIST

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FINDJOB	How did you first find out about this job?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. University or college careers service</li> <li>2. Careers fair or information session</li> <li>3. Other university or college source (such as faculties or lecturers or student society)</li> <li>4. Advertisement in a newspaper or other print media</li> <li>5. Advertisement on the internet (e.g. Seek, CareerOne, Ethical Jobs)</li> <li>6. Via resume posted on the internet</li> <li>7. Family or friends</li> <li>8. Approached employer directly</li> <li>9. Approached by an employer</li> <li>10. Employment/Recruitment agency</li> <li>11. Work contacts or networks</li> <li>12. Social media</li> <li>17. An employer promotional event</li> <li>14. Graduate program / internship / work placement</li> <li>13. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
SPOQ	<p>The following statements are about your skills, abilities and education. Please indicate the extent to which you strongly disagree, disagree, neither disagree nor agree, agree or strongly agree with each of these statements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) My job requires less education than I have</li> <li>b) I have more job skills than are required for this job</li> <li>c) Someone with less education than myself could perform well on my job</li> <li>d) My previous training is being fully utilised on this job</li> <li>e) I have more knowledge than I need in order to do my job</li> <li>f) My education level is above the level required to do my job</li> <li>g) Someone with less work experience than myself could do my job just as well</li> <li>h) I have more abilities than I need in order to do my job</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly disagree</li> <li>2. Disagree</li> <li>3. Neither disagree nor agree</li> <li>4. Agree</li> <li>5. Strongly agree</li> </ol>

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RSOVRQ	<p>Your previous responses indicated that you have more skills or education than are needed to do your current job. What is the <b>main reason</b> you are working in a job that doesn't use all of your skills or education?</p> <p><i>Please select only one answer.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No suitable jobs in my local area</li> <li>2. No jobs with a suitable number of hours</li> <li>3. No suitable jobs in my area of expertise</li> <li>4. Considered to be too young by employers</li> <li>5. Considered to be too old by employers</li> <li>9. Caring for children</li> <li>10. Studying</li> <li>12. I'm satisfied with my current job</li> <li>13. I had to change jobs due to COVID-19</li> <li>14. Not enough work experience</li> <li>15. Entry level job/career stepping stone</li> <li>16. Changing jobs/Careers</li> <li>17. Do not have permanent residency</li> <li>18. For financial reasons</li> <li>19. Waiting for accreditation/registration</li> <li>11. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
<b>Module C: Further study</b>		
FURSTUD	Are you currently a full-time or part-time student at a TAFE, university or other educational institution?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes – full-time</li> <li>2. Yes – part-time</li> <li>5. No</li> </ol>
FURNEW	Are you <b>currently studying in a new course</b> after completing your <course>?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>5. No</li> </ol>
FURINST	What is the name of the <b>institution</b> where you are currently studying?	1. <Predictive verbatim text box> *INSTITUTION LOOKUP LIST
FURQUAL	<p>What is the full title of the <b>qualification</b> you are currently studying?</p> <p><i>'Qualification' refers to the course, degree or program that you are currently studying.</i></p>	1. <verbatim text box>

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FURFOE	What is your <b>main field of education</b> for this qualification?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Natural and Physical Sciences (incl. Maths, Biological and Medical Science)</li> <li>2. Information Technology</li> <li>3. Engineering and Related Technologies</li> <li>4. Architecture and Building</li> <li>5. Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies</li> <li>6. Health (incl. Nursing, Veterinary, Pharmacy)</li> <li>7. Education</li> <li>8. Management and Commerce (incl. Accounting, Business, Finance, Marketing)</li> <li>9. Society and Culture (incl. Law, Psychology, Economics, Social and Political Sciences)</li> <li>10. Creative Arts</li> <li>11. Food, Hospitality and Personal Services</li> <li>12. Mixed field qualification</li> <li>13. Other (Please specify)</li> </ol>
FURLEV	What is the <b>level</b> of this qualification?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Higher Doctorate</li> <li>2. Doctorate by Research</li> <li>3. Doctorate by Coursework</li> <li>4. Master Degree by Research</li> <li>5. Master Degree by Coursework</li> <li>6. Graduate Diploma</li> <li>7. Graduate Certificate</li> <li>8. Bachelor (Honours) Degree</li> <li>9. Bachelor (Pass) Degree</li> <li>10. Advanced Diploma</li> <li>11. Associate Degree</li> <li>12. Diploma</li> <li>13. Non-award course</li> <li>14. Bridging and Enabling course</li> <li>15. Certificate I-IV</li> </ol>

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<b>Module D2: OVERALL SATISFACTION/PREQ</b>		
CEQ	<p>Now a question regarding your &lt;major/qualification&gt;. Please indicate the extent to which you strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree, agree or strongly agree with the following statement.</p> <p>ceq149 Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of this &lt;course&gt;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly disagree</li> <li>2. Disagree</li> <li>3. Neither disagree nor agree</li> <li>4. Agree</li> <li>5. Strongly agree</li> </ol>
CEQB	<p>Now thinking about your &lt;major/qualification&gt;. Please indicate the extent to which you strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree, agree or strongly agree the following statement.</p> <p>ceq249 Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of this &lt;course&gt;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly disagree</li> <li>2. Disagree</li> <li>3. Neither disagree nor agree</li> <li>4. Agree</li> <li>5. Strongly agree</li> </ol>
PREQ	<p>Please tell us about your postgraduate research experience.</p> <p>If you have had more than one supervisor or have studied in more than one department or faculty, please respond to the questions below in relation to your most recent supervision experience, whether by one or more supervisors.</p> <p>Please interpret 'thesis' and other research-related terms in the context of your own field of education.</p> <p>Please indicate the extent to which you strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree, agree or strongly agree with each of these statements.</p> <p>preq01 Supervision was available when I needed it preq02 The thesis examination process was fair preq03 I had access to a suitable working space preq04 I developed an understanding of the standard of work expected preq29 I am confident that I can apply my skills outside the university sector preq05 The department provided opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students preq30 I improved my ability to design and implement projects effectively preq06 My research further developed my problem solving skills preq07 My supervisor(s) made a real effort to understand difficulties I faced preq08 I had good access to the technical support I needed</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly disagree</li> <li>2. Disagree</li> <li>3. Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>4. Agree</li> <li>5. Strongly agree</li> </ol>

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Item	Question stem	Response options
	<p>preq09 I was integrated into the department's community</p> <p>preq10 I improved my ability to communicate information effectively to diverse audiences</p> <p>preq11 I understood the required standard for the thesis</p> <p>preq31 I had opportunities to develop professional connections outside the university sector</p> <p>preq12 I was able to organise good access to necessary equipment</p> <p>preq13 My supervisor(s) provided additional information relevant to my topic</p> <p>preq14 I developed my skills in critical analysis and evaluation</p> <p>preq15 I was satisfied with the thesis examination process</p> <p>preq16 The department provided opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture</p> <p>preq17 I was given good guidance in topic selection and refinement</p> <p>preq18 I had good access to computing facilities and services</p> <p>preq32 I had opportunity to work on research problems with businesses, governments, communities or organisations outside the university sector</p> <p>preq19 I understood the requirements of thesis examination</p> <p>preq33 I developed my understanding of research integrity (e.g. rigour, ethics, transparency, attributing the contribution of others)</p> <p>preq20 I improved my ability to plan and manage my time effectively</p> <p>preq21 My supervisor(s) provided helpful feedback on my progress</p> <p>preq22 A good seminar program for postgraduate students was provided</p> <p>preq23 The research environment in the department or faculty stimulated my work</p> <p>preq24 I received good guidance in my literature search</p> <p>preq34 I gained confidence in leading and influencing others</p> <p>preq25 The examination of my thesis was completed in a reasonable time</p> <p>preq26 As a result of my research, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems</p> <p>preq27 There was appropriate financial support for research activities</p> <p>preq28 Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research experience</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly disagree</li> <li>2. Disagree</li> <li>3. Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>4. Agree</li> <li>5. Strongly agree</li> </ol>
BESTASP	<p>What were the best aspects of your &lt;course&gt;? <i>Please note, aspects could include things like the course content, teaching or assessments.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &lt;verbatim text box&gt;</li> </ol>
IMPROVE	<p>What aspects of your &lt;course&gt; were most in need of improvement? <i>Please note, aspects could include things like the course content, teaching or assessments.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &lt;verbatim text box&gt;</li> </ol>

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Item	Question stem	Response options
<b>Module E Graduate Preparation</b>		
FORMREQ	Is a <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB> or similar qualification a formal requirement for you to do your current job?	1. Yes 2. No
QUALIMP	To what extent is it important for you to have a <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB>, to be able to do your job?	1. Not at all important 2. Not that important 3. Fairly important 4. Important 5. Very important
CRSPREP	Overall, how well did your <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB> prepare you for your job?	1. Not at all 2. Not well 3. Well 4. Very well 5. Don't know / Unsure
BESTPREP	What are the main ways that <institution> prepared you for employment in your organisation?	1. <verbatim text box>
IMPPREP	What are the main ways <institution> could have better prepared you for employment in your organisation?	1. <verbatim text box>
FSBEPREP	What are the main ways that <institution> prepared you for further study?	1. (verbatim text box)
FSIMPREP	What are the main ways <institution> could have better prepared you for further study?	1. (verbatim text box)
<b>Module F: Additional Items</b>		
OSSTUDY	Did you undertake any overseas study during your <course/postgraduate research> outside of Australia (e.g. student exchange or study abroad)?	1. Yes 2. No 3. Not applicable
INTERN	Did your <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB> include an internship component?	1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know

Table 1 / Questionnaire item summary

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Item	Question stem	Response options
<b>Module F: Additional Items</b>		
INTLEARN	Did you participate in other types of work-integrated learning (e.g. placements, practicums, consultancies, industry research projects) as part of your <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB>?	1. Yes 2. No 3. Not applicable
TRAINING	Did your <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB> include training in... Pgreslink101/IPA Intellectual property awareness Pgreslink102/BUSMAN Business management Pgreslink103/ENTPNR Entrepreneurship	1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know
COFUND	Was your <FinalCourseA/FinalCourseB> jointly supervised or co-funded by an industry partner? <i>Please select all that apply.</i>	1/JOINTSUP. Yes it was jointly supervised 2/COFUND. Yes it was co-funded 3/NOJSCF. No *(EXCLUSIVE) 4/DKJSCF. Don't know *(EXCLUSIVE)
<b>Module G: Contact details</b>		
CONTACT	In a couple of years' time, we are undertaking a follow up survey with graduates to see how their career has developed. Do you consent to being invited to participate in this important future research?	1. Yes 2. No
CONTACT	The Department of Education is undertaking some research to improve higher education. Do you consent to being contacted in future to participate in this research?	1. Yes 2. No
ALUMNI	Do you consent to your contact information being passed on to your institution for them to update your details?	1. Yes 2. No
EMAIL	What is the best email address to contact you on?	1. Enter email address 2. Do not wish to be re-contacted by email
C4	Would you like to be notified via email when the national data is released on the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) website?	1. Yes 2. No
NTFEMAIL	What is the best email address to send the notification to?	1. Enter email address

# Postgraduate Research Experience Questionnaire (PREQ)

The PREQ was developed in 1999 to collect information on core aspects of the higher degree by research (HDR) experience and is currently administered as part of the GOS. Data is collected on the quality of the higher research environment for PhD and master's research graduates.

The survey instrument was revised in 2018 following a review by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education. A summary of this review is available on the QILT website.

The PREQ asks HDR graduates to rate their level of agreement with a series of 32 items on a five-point scale. These items are used to compute seven scales and include a single-item overall satisfaction indicator. A description of each of these scales is given in **Table 2** and the items are listed in **Table 3**.

Table 2 / **Description of PREQ scales**

Scale	Description	Number of items
Supervision	Quality of research supervision, including availability, support, advice and feedback	6
Intellectual climate	Sense of learning community in the department	5
Skill development	Development of research skills and other generic skills	6
Infrastructure	Quality of research infrastructure	5
Thesis examination	Satisfaction with the thesis examination process	3
Goals and expectations	Clarity of the standard of work and thesis requirements	3
Industry engagement	Application of skills outside the university sector	3
Overall satisfaction	Overall satisfaction with the quality of HDR training	1

Table 3 / PREQ items and scales

Scale	#	Item	Response options
Supervision	PREQ01	Supervision was available when I needed it	'Strongly agree' 'Agree' 'Neither agree nor disagree' 'Disagree' 'Strongly disagree'
	PREQ07	My supervisor(s) made a real effort to understand difficulties I faced	
	PREQ13	My supervisor(s) provided additional information relevant to my topic	
	PREQ17	I was given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	
	PREQ21	My supervisor(s) provided helpful feedback on my progress	
	PREQ24	I received good guidance in my literature search	
Intellectual climate	PREQ05	The department provided opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students	
	PREQ09	I was integrated into the department's community	
	PREQ16	The department provided opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture	
	PREQ22	A good seminar program for postgraduate students was provided	
	PREQ23	The research environment in the department or faculty stimulated my work	

Table 3 / PREQ items and scales

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Scale	#	Item	Response options
Skill development	PREQ06	My research further developed my problem-solving skills	'Strongly agree' 'Agree' 'Neither agree nor disagree' 'Disagree' 'Strongly disagree'
	PREQ10	I learned to develop my ideas and present them in my written work	
	PREQ14	My research sharpened my analytical skills	
	PREQ20	Doing my research helped me to develop my ability to plan my own work	
	PREQ26	As a result of my research, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	
	PREQ30	I improved my ability to design and implement projects effectively	
Infrastructure	PREQ03	I had access to a suitable working space	
	PREQ08	I had good access to the technical support I needed	
	PREQ12	I was able to organise good access to necessary equipment	
	PREQ18	I had good access to computing facilities and services	
	PREQ27	There was appropriate financial support for research activities	
Thesis examination	PREQ02	The thesis examination process was fair	
	PREQ15	I was satisfied with the thesis examination process	
	PREQ25	The examination of my thesis was completed in a reasonable time	

Table 3 / PREQ items and scales

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Scale	#	Item	Response options
Goals and expectations	PREQ04	I developed an understanding of the standard of work expected	'Strongly agree' 'Agree' 'Neither agree nor disagree' 'Disagree' 'Strongly disagree'
	PREQ11	I understood the required standard for the thesis	
	PREQ19	I understood the requirements of thesis examination	
Industry engagement	PREQ29	I am confident that I can apply my skills outside the university sector	
	PREQ31	I had opportunities to develop professional connections outside the university sector	
	PREQ32	I had opportunities to work on research problems with businesses, governments, communities or organisations outside the university sector	
Overall satisfaction	PREQ28	Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research experience	