

LONGITUDINAL SURVEY OF IMMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA

WAVE 1

MIGRATING UNIT SPOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

1. IF MU SPOUSE IS AVAILABLE TO BE INTERVIEWED SAY:

I now have a far shorter interview to conduct with you. I will probably only need 10 to 15 minutes of your time.

(PROCEED TO INTERVIEW.)

2. IF MU SPOUSE NOT AVAILABLE MAKE APPROPRIATE CALLBACK ARRANGEMENTS AND RECORD DETAILS ON THE CONTACT SHEET.

MODE OF INTERVIEW

CERTIFICATION:

I certify this questionnaire is a correct record of the interview which has been completed in accordance with my interviewing guidelines and conducted according to the ICC/ESOMAR International Code of Marketing and Social Research Practice.

INTERVIEWER NAME:

INTERVIEWER NO.

LANGUAGE OF INTERVIEW

QUESTIONNAIRE TIME

Record the time taken to complete the MU SPOUSE questionnaire only.

SECTION A: BEFORE MIGRATION

A.1 I'd now like to ask you a few questions about your life before you immigrated to Australia.

Which country do you consider to have been your former home country?

A.2 CHECK AA.9 MU SPOUSE

ARE COUNTRY OF BIRTH (AA.9) AND FORMER HOME COUNTRY THE SAME?

A.3 How many years, in total, did you live in (SPECIFY COUNTRY FROM A.1)?

A.4 SHOW CARD 5

Looking at Card 5 (PAUSE), which one line best describes your level of satisfaction with life in your former home country?

A.5 What things did you like most about your former home country?

A.6 What things did you dislike most about your former home country?

A.7 Did you live in any other country between leaving your former home country and arriving in Australia?

A.8 Which country or countries did you live in?

A.9 For how many months did you live in (that country/these countries)?

(RECORD COMPLETE MONTHS - IF LESS THAN 1, RECORD 01)

A.10 When you think about your experience of living in your former home country, would you say that educational opportunities were excellent, good or poor?

A.11 Was there a lot of crime or little crime?

A.12 Did people in your former home country display a lot of tolerance towards people of other religions, some or only a little?

A.13 Was hard work well rewarded, moderately rewarded or poorly rewarded?

A.14 Was there a lot of contact between people from different countries and cultures, some contact or only a little?

A.15 Did people in your former home country display a lot of tolerance towards people of other races, cultures and countries, some, or only a little?

A.16 Were people able to influence government decisions to a great extent, a moderate extent, only a little or not at all?

A.17 I'd now like to ask you a few questions about the housing arrangements in which you last lived in your former home country.

Was the quality of this housing good, moderate or poor?

A.18 At any time in the 12 months before you left your former home country, did you do any work in a job, business or farm?

A.19 SHOW CARD 8

Looking at Card 8 (PAUSE), which one line best describes what you did in the 12 months before you left your former home country?

A.20 Were you unemployed and looking for work, at any time in the 12 months before you left your former home country?

A.21 For how many months in total were you unemployed and looking for work, in the 12 months before you left your former home country?

A.22 CHECK A.18

IS CODE 1 CIRCLED IN A.18?

A.23 What was your occupation title in the last job you had in your former home country?

(IF MORE THAN ONE JOB PROBE FOR MAIN JOB)

A.24 What were the main tasks you personally performed in that job?

A.25 SHOW CARD 9

Looking at Card 9 (PAUSE), how many years did you work in that job?

A.26 SHOW CARD 10

Looking at Card 10 (PAUSE), which of these best describes the average hours you worked per week in that job?

A.27 SHOW CARD 11

Looking at Card 11 (PAUSE), which of the categories on this card best describes how you felt about that job?

A.28 Do you have any post secondary qualifications?

A.29 SHOW CARD 12

Looking at Card 12 (PAUSE), which of these best describes how often you used your qualifications in that job?

A.30 SHOW CARD 13

Looking at Card 13 (PAUSE), which of these best describes your standard of living in the 12 months before you left your former home country?

A.31 Overall, how do you feel about your life in Australia? Are you (READ OUT)

SECTION H: ANCESTRY & RELIGION

H.1 Now I have a couple of questions about your family background and religion.

In which country was your mother born?

H.2 And in which country was your father born?

H.3 What are your religious beliefs, if any?

(PROBE FOR PARTICULAR FAITH AND DENOMINATION/SECT)

H.4 What ethnic group do you regard yourself as belonging to?

SECTION I: PERCEPTION OF AUSTRALIA

I.1 Do you think your decision to immigrate to Australia was the right one?

I.2 Would you encourage others to immigrate to Australia?

I.3 Please tell me what things you like most about Australia?

I.4 And what things do you dislike most about Australia?

SECTION J: RETURN VISITS

J.1 Do you expect to return to your former home country to live permanently?

J.2 SHOW CARD 42

Looking at Card 42 (PAUSE), which of these best describes when you expect to return to your former home country to live permanently?

J.3 Why do you expect to return to your former home country to live permanently?

(RECORD ALL REASONS)

NOW GO TO J.8

J.4 Do you expect to emigrate to another country?

J.5 Which country?

J.6 What is your main reason for deciding to emigrate to (SPECIFY COUNTRY FROM J.5)?

J.7 In what year do you expect to emigrate?

J.8 Since arriving in Australia have you travelled overseas, including visits to your former home country?

J.9 What country was your main destination?

J.10 In total, how many weeks did you stay in that country?

J.11 Was that overseas travel mainly for... (READ OUT) business, study, holiday, or to visit family or friends, or other (SPECIFY).

SECTION K: CITIZENSHIP

K.1 Are you an Australian citizen?

K.2 Have you applied for Australian citizenship?

K.3 Do you intend to apply for Australian citizenship?

K.4 What are the reasons you intend to apply for Australian citizenship?

(PRINT ANSWER EXACTLY AS GIVEN THEN RECORD APPROPRIATE CODES)

NOW GO TO L.1

K.5 What are the reasons you don't intend to apply for Australian citizenship?

(PRINT ANSWER EXACTLY AS GIVEN THEN RECORD APPROPRIATE CODES)

SECTION L: LANGUAGE/KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH

L.1 What languages do you speak well?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

L.2 What's the main language spoken in your Australian home?

PRINT ANSWER BELOW

L.3 CHECK L.1

IS MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE CODE CIRCLED IN L.1?

L.4 Which language do you speak best?

L.5 CHECK L.1

IF ENGLISH (ENG) ONLY CIRCLED GO TO M.1

IF ENGLISH (ENG) AND ANY OTHER CIRCLED GO TO L.6

IF ENGLISH (ENG) IS NOT CIRCLED GO TO L.6

L.6 SHOW CARD 43A

Looking at Card 43A (PAUSE), how well would you say you speak English?

L.7 SHOW CARD 43B

Looking at Card 43B (PAUSE), how well would you say you read English?

L.8 SHOW CARD 43C

Looking at Card 43C (PAUSE), how well would you say you write English?

L.9 CHECK L.6

IS CODE 3 CIRCLED IN L.6?

L.10 Have you needed to use an interpreter since you immigrated to Australia?

L.11 Was this in relation to getting assistance from State or Commonwealth Departments?

L.12 Has the provision of an interpreter been refused by any Government agency?

L.13 Did you learn English before immigrating to Australia?

L.14 Did you complete an English competency test as part of the immigration process?

L.15 SHOW CARD 44

Looking at Card 44 (PAUSE), if you recall, what was your rating for this English Competency Test?

L.16 SHOW CARD 45

Looking at Card 45 (PAUSE), which one of these best describes how you learned English before immigrating to Australia?

L.17 In total, how many hours of instruction did you receive in this course?

L.18 How many years did you study English at (school/university)?

L.19 Before migrating to Australia, were you aware of any specific English language courses available in Australia (AMES)?

L.20 When you were approved to migrate to Australia were you offered an English language learning entitlement with the Adult Migrant Education Service (AMES)?

L.21 Have you registered for this course yet?

L.22 Did you register within 3 months of your arrival in Australia?

L.23 Have you commenced this English language course yet?

L.24 Is this course the main way in which you have learnt English since arriving in Australia?

L.25 SHOW CARD 46

Looking at Card 46 (PAUSE), which one of these best describes the main way in which you have studied or learnt English in Australia?

L.26 Did you find out about this course before immigrating to Australia or after your arrival in Australia?

L.27 SHOW CARD 47

Looking at Card 47 (PAUSE), what were the ways you found out about this course?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

NOW GO TO L.29

L.28 SHOW CARD 48

Looking at Card 48 (PAUSE), after migrating to Australia, how did you find out about this course?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

L.29 CHECK L.27

IS CODE 1, 2 OR 3 CIRCLED IN L.27?

L.30 SHOWCARD 49

Looking at Card 49 (PAUSE), how helpful was the information provided by (SPECIFY CODES 1, 2 OR 3 FROM L.27).

L.31 SHOW CARD 50

Looking at Card 50 (PAUSE), which of these best describes why you took this course in English?

NOW GO TO L.33

L.32 SHOW CARD 51

Looking at Card 51 (PAUSE), which one of these best describes the main reason you did not take a course in English after arriving in Australia?

L.33 Are you still attending these classes?

L.34 Why did you stop attending English classes?

(RECORD ALL REASONS)

L.35 How many hours each week (did/do) you attend classes?

L.36 In total, for how many weeks (did you/do you expect to) attend classes?

L.37 How many months after arriving in Australia was it until you started attending these classes?

(IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH RECORD 1)

L.38 Did a Government agency, your employer or some other agency pay or contribute to your course fees?

L.39 Which government agency paid or contributed to those fees?

SECTION M: QUALIFICATIONS & THEIR ASSESSMENT BY AUSTRALIAN AGENCIES

M.1 SHOW CARD 52

Looking at Card 52 (PAUSE), which of these best describes the highest formal qualification you have completed?

M.2 What was your main area of study or training for this qualification?

(PROBE FULLY)

M.3 In which country did you obtain this qualification?

(WRITE IN COUNTRY)

M.4 Did you obtain this formal qualification through...(READ OUT)... full time study, part time study, both full and part time study, an apprenticeship.

M.5 How many years of (post secondary study/apprenticeship training) did it take for you to obtain all your post secondary qualifications?

M.6 CHECK M.3

IS COUNTRY AUSTRALIA?

M.7 I'd like to ask you some questions about assessment of professional qualifications. Did you seek to have your qualification assessed by an Australian agency before immigration?

M.8 Have you sought to have your qualifications assessed by an Australian agency since arriving in Australia?

M.9 What is the main reason you haven't sought to have your qualification assessed?

NOW GO TO N.1

M.10 Has this assessment been completed?

M.11 How many weeks (did it take for that assessment to be completed/has the assessment been underway?)

(IF LESS THAN 1 WEEK, RECORD AS 01.)

M.12 SHOW CARD 53

Looking at Card 53 (PAUSE), which agency is doing that assessment?

M.13 CHECK M.10

IS CODE 1 CIRCLED?

M.14 SHOW CARD 54

Looking at Card 54 (PAUSE), what was your qualification assessed as?

M.15 SHOW CARD 55

Looking at Card 55 (PAUSE), which category best describes how your qualification was assessed in Australian terms?

SECTION N: FURTHER STUDY/TRAINING

N.1 (Apart from English language courses) are you currently studying at a ... (READ OUT) ... secondary school, technical college/TAFE, university, other educational institution (SPECIFY), or not currently studying?

N.2 What is the name of the institution at which you are studying?

N.3 What type of qualification are you studying for?

N.4 What is the main field of that study?

NOW GO TO O.1

N.5 Do you intend to undertake any study or training, either at a University, Technical College/TAFE, or elsewhere?

SECTION O: CURRENTLY WORKING

O.1 Do you currently work in a job, business or farm?

O.2 SHOW CARD 56

Looking at Card 56 (PAUSE), which category best describes your current main activity in Australia?

O.3 CHECK O.1

IS CODE 1 CIRCLED IN O.1?

O.4 Do you currently have more than one job?

O.5 I'd like to ask you about your main job - that is the job in which you usually work the most hours. How many hours do you usually work each week in that job?

IF HOURS VARY, ASK:

In your last four weeks of work, how many hours per week, on average, have you worked, including paid holidays?

NOW GO TO O.7

O.6 Altogether, how many hours each week do you usually work in your present job?

IF HOURS VARY, ASK:

In your last four weeks of work, how many hours per week, on average, have you worked, including paid holidays?

O.7 When did you start work in this job?

IF DON'T KNOW RECORD 99/99

O.8 SHOW CARD 57

Which one category on Card 57 (PAUSE), best describes how you found out about this job?

O.9 SHOW CARD 58

Which of the categories on Card 58 (PAUSE), best describes your expected gross annual income from this job - that is, before any deductions, such as tax or superannuation? Just say the number after the line.

O.10 Who do you work for?

O.11 What is your occupation title in that job?

O.12 What are the main tasks you perform in that job?

O.13 SHOW CARD 59

Which of the categories on Card 59 (PAUSE), best describes how you feel about your job?

O.14 CHECK M.1

IS CODE 1, 2, 3, 4 OR 5 CIRCLED IN M.1?

O.15 In your current job, do you use your highest qualification ...(READ OUT)... very often, often, only sometimes, rarely, or never, or not sure/don't know?

O.16 What is the reason you don't use your qualifications (more often) in this job?

O.17 What language or languages do you need to speak to do this job?

O.18 Are you looking for other work at the moment, that is, a change of job or a second job?

O.19 Are you looking for a change of job, a second job, or both?

O.20 SHOW CARD 60

Looking at Card 60 (PAUSE), which categories best describe why you want to change jobs?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

O.21 What kind of work do you want to change to?

O.22 Since arriving in Australia has there been a time when you have been unemployed and looking for work?

O.23 During this period of unemployment, did you receive any assistance with finding a job?

O.24 SHOW CARD 61

Still looking at Card 61 (PAUSE), who gave that assistance in finding a job?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

O.25 What was the main problem you had in trying to find work?

(PRINT ANSWER BELOW EXACTLY AS GIVEN THEN RECORD NEAREST CODE)

O.26 Overall, since arriving to Australia how many weeks were you unemployed and looking for work?

O.27 CHECK A.18

DID RESPONDENT HAVE A JOB IN THEIR FORMER HOME COUNTRY?

O.28 Are you currently working in the same occupation as you last had in your former home country?

SECTION P : MULTIPLE JOB HOLDERS

P.1 CHECK O.4

IS CODE 1 CIRCLED IN O.4?

P.2 You mentioned earlier that you currently have more than one job. Apart from the job you've just told me about, how many other jobs do you currently have?

P.3 I'd like to ask you about (that job/the main one of these other jobs).

When did you start this job?

IF DON'T KNOW RECORD 99/99

P.4 What is your occupation title in that job?

P.5 What are the main tasks you perform in that job?

P.6 How many hours do you usually work per week in that job?

P.7 CHECK M.1

IS CODE 1, 2, 3, 4 OR 5 CIRCLED IN M.1?

P.8 In this job do you use your qualifications ... (READ OUT) ... very often, often, only sometimes, rarely, or never?

SECTION Q: PREVIOUS JOBS

Q.1 Did you have any Australian jobs before starting the job(s) you've just told me about?

Q.2 Have you had any jobs since arriving in Australia?

Q.3 How many (previous) jobs have you had since arriving in Australia?

Q.4 I'd like to ask you about (that job/the job in which you were employed for the longest period).

When did you start that job?

IF DON'T KNOW RECORD 99/99

Q.5 What was your occupation title of that job?

Q.6 What were the main tasks you performed in that job?

Q.7 How many hours did you usually work per week in that job?

Q.8 SHOW CARD 62

Which of the categories on Card 62 (PAUSE), best describes how you found out about this job?

Q.9 When did you finish working in that job?

IF DON'T KNOW RECORD 99/99

Q.10 What was the main reason you finished working in that job?

Q.11 CHECK Q.1

IS CODE 1 CIRCLED IN Q.1?

SECTION R: NOT CURRENTLY WORKING

R.1 CHECK O.2

IS CODE 5 OR 6 CIRCLED IN O.2?

R.2 Since arriving in Australia has there been a time when you were unemployed and looking

for work?

R.3 (Have you received/Did you receive) any assistance in looking for work?

R.4 SHOW CARD 63

Looking at Card 63 (PAUSE), who (is providing/provided) this assistance?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

R.5 What (is/was) the main problem you (have/had) in trying to find work?

(PROBE FOR MAIN PROBLEM)

R.6 CHECK Q.2

IS CODE 1 CIRCLED IN Q.2?

R.7 Have you been unemployed and looking for work continuously since arriving in Australia?

R.8 Overall, since arriving in Australia, how many weeks would you say you have been

unemployed and looking for work?

SECTION S: HEALTH

S.1 SHOW CARD 64

Looking at Card 64 (PAUSE), please tell me if you have any of the long-term conditions mentioned that restrict you in any physical activities or doing work?

By long-term, I mean any condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, six months.

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

S.2 Did you have this condition before you immigrated to Australia?

S.3 Have you needed to visit a Health Centre, doctor or other medical professional about your health since arriving in Australia?

S.4 How many times since arriving in Australia have you needed to go to a Health Centre, doctor or health care provider?

S.5 Over the last month, would you say your health has generally been ... (READ OUT) very good, good, fair, poor or very poor?

S.6 I'm going to show you some cards which look at certain aspects of your health over the past few weeks and the way you feel about them.

For each statement I read out I'd like you to tell me the letter that comes closest to the way you feel.

SHOW CARD 65

Please look at Card 65.

S.7 Have you recently been able to concentrate on whatever you're doing? Which letter comes closest to the way you feel?

S.8 Have you recently lost much sleep over worry? Which letter comes closest to the way you feel?

S.9 Have you recently felt that you are playing a useful part in things?

S.10 SHOW CARD 66

Please look at Card 66 (PAUSE). Have you recently felt capable of making decisions about things?

S.11 Have you recently felt constantly under strain?

S.12 Have you recently felt that you couldn't overcome your difficulties?

S.13 SHOW CARD 67

Please look at Card 67 (PAUSE). Have you recently been able to enjoy your normal day-to-day activities? Which letter comes closest to the way you feel?

S.14 Have you recently been able to face up to your problems?

S.15 Have you recently been feeling unhappy and depressed?

S.16 SHOW CARD 68

Please look at Card 68 (PAUSE). Have you recently been losing confidence in yourself?

Which letter comes closest to the way you feel?

S.17 Have you recently been thinking of yourself as a worthless person?

S.18 Have you recently been feeling reasonably happy, all things considered?

SECTION U: INCOME AND FINANCES

U.1 SHOW CARD 71

I now have some questions about pensions or allowances you may have received since arriving in Australia.

Looking at Card 71 (PAUSE), since arriving in Australia, which, if any, of these pensions or allowances have you personally received?

(RECORD BELOW - ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

U.2 Still looking at Card 71, which ones are you receiving at the moment?

(RECORD BELOW - ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

FOR EACH PENSION OR ALLOWANCE WITH A CODE 1 TO 8 IN U.1 ASK U.3

OTHERWISE GO TO U.5

U.3 How much per fortnight (do/did) you receive for (SAY PENSION/ALLOWANCE)?

(RECORD BELOW)

U.4 FOR EACH PENSION/ALLOWANCE MENTIONED IN U.1 ASK:

How many weeks (did you receive/have you been receiving) (SAY

PENSION/ALLOWANCE)?

U.5 SHOW CARD 72

Looking at Card 72 (PAUSE), how much, if anything, is your average weekly income from all wage and salary jobs that is, before any deductions such as tax or superannuation?

Just say the letter after the line.

U.6 Excluding wage and salary income do you currently receive any income from your own business, a farm or a share in a partnership?

U.7 SHOW CARD 72

Still looking at Card 72 (PAUSE), which one line best describes how much you receive on average each week from your own business, a farm or share in a partnership?

U.8 Do you currently receive any...(READ EACH STATEMENT)...

- interest from a bank, building society or credit union,
- income from dividends, bonds, debentures or from a trust,
- regular payments from superannuation,
- regular payments from road accidents or worker's compensation,
- regular payments from accident or sickness insurance?

U.9 CHECK U.8

DID RESPONDENT SAY YES IN U.8?

U.10 SHOW CARD 73

Looking at Card 73 (PAUSE), which one line best describes how much on average you receive each week from (SAY ALL ANSWERS TO U.8)?

U.11 SHOW CARD 74

Which one line on Card 74 (PAUSE), best describes your present weekly income from all sources, that is, before tax or anything else is taken out?

Just say the letter after the line.

U.12 SHOW CARD 76

Looking at Card 76 (PAUSE), which one line best describes your level of satisfaction with life in Australia?

U.13 END OF INTERVIEW

THANK PA, MU SPOUSE AND INTERPRETER AS REQUIRED AND CLOSE SUITABLY.