

SURVEY OF RECENT MIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA – 2006

*(ALL)

Q1 Firstly, before coming to Australia, did you consider migrating to other countries?

1. Yes
2. No (GO TO Q4)
3. (Can't say) (GO TO Q4)
4. (Refused) (GO TO Q4)

*(CONSIDERED MIGRATING TO OTHER COUNTRIES)

Q2 Which countries were these?
(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

1. United Kingdom (includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
2. Canada
3. USA
4. New Zealand
5. Other country (Specify _____)
6. (Can't say)
7. (Refused)

*(CONSIDERED MIGRATING TO OTHER COUNTRIES)

Q3 Why did you choose Australia ahead of these countries?

1. Spouse / partner lives there
2. Job offer / employer is located there
3. Job opportunities
4. Family lives here
5. Friends live here
6. Better climate
7. Better lifestyle
8. Other reason (Specify _____)
9. (Can't say)
10. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q4a (Just to confirm) Are you still living in <2005 location>?

1. Yes
2. No - collect suburb / city (Specify _____)
3. (Don't know)
4. (Refused)

PREQ4b IF Q4a=1 (STILL LIVING IN SAME SUBURB / CITY) GO TO Q4b INTRO A. OTHERS GO TO Q4b INTRO B

Q4b INTRO A What is your MAIN reason for living in <insert suburb from sample>...?
INTRO B What was your MAIN reason for living in <insert specified suburb from Q4a=2>...?

1. Spouse/partner lives there
2. Employer is located here
3. Job opportunities
4. Family lives here
5. Friends live here
6. Preferred climate
7. Preferred lifestyle
8. Close to university / place of study
9. Close to beach
10. Cheap / affordable housing / rental properties
11. Other MAIN reason (Specify_____)
12. (Can't say)
13. (Refused)

PREQ5 IF 2005 Q8=1 (SPONSORED BY RELATIVE OR PARTNER TO COME TO AUSTRALIA) CONTINUE. OTHERS GO TO Q6

*(2005 Q8=1 - SPONSORED BY RELATIVE OR PARTNER TO COME TO AUSTRALIA)

Q5 Do you still live with your sponsor?

1. Yes
2. No
3. (Denies ever living with sponsor)
4. (Can't say)
5. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q6 What are your current housing arrangements? Do you....

1. Own your home,
2. Are you paying it off
3. Are you renting,
4. Are you living with sponsor/relatives/friends, or
5. Something else (Specify_____)
6. (Can't say)
7. (Refused)

PREQ7 IF 2005 Q13=1 (OBTAINED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL)
CONTINUE. OTHERS GO TO Q13

*(2005 Q13=1 OBTAINED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL)

Q7 The following questions relate to the qualification you told us about in the last survey, that is:

Qualification: <insert qualification from 2005 Q14> (text relating to pre-code)

Qualification: <insert specified other from 2005 Q14_othr>

Institution: <insert name of institution from 2005 Q15>

Country: <insert country from 2005 Q15>

Year: <insert year from 2005 Q16>

What was your main field of study? For example nursing, mechanical engineering, welding etc

1. Other (Specify _____) (CODE TO ASCED LEVEL 4 IN EXCEL)
2. Denies receiving qualification (GO TO Q13)
3. (Can't say)
4. (Refused)

PREQ8 IF 2005 Q15code=1101 (AUSTRALIA) GO TO Q13. OTHERS CONTINUE

*(OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION)

Q8 Have any of your overseas qualifications been assessed by an Australian agency?

INTERVIEWER NOTE: The FORMAL assessment would usually be done by the relevant industry body – for example, State Department of Education for teachers, or Institute of Chartered Accountants for accountants.

INTERVIEWER NOTE: If had more than one qualification assessed, record the most favourable assessment. Employer assessments are EXCLUDED.

1. Yes
2. No (GO TO Q12)
3. (Can't say) (GO TO Q13)
4. (Refused) (GO TO Q13)

*(OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION ASSESSED BY AUSTRALIAN AGENCY)

Q9 Which of the following BEST describes how these overseas qualifications were assessed?

1. The qualifications were recognised, and I am able to work in the occupation for which I trained (GO TO Q13)
2. The qualifications were recognised, but I needed to complete some ADDITIONAL TRAINING before I could work in the occupation for which I trained (IF NECESSARY; additional training means you were required to complete formal studies in one or more additional subjects, or undergo a period of supervised training – for example, an intern at a hospital) (GO TO Q10)
3. The qualifications were recognised, but I needed to complete some additional requirements before I could work in the occupation for which I trained (IF NECESSARY; additional requirements would include passing a competency exam, or attending an assessment interview) (GO TO Q11)
4. The qualifications were not recognised and retraining is required (GO TO Q13)
5. (Can't say) (AVOID) (GO TO Q13)
6. (Refused) (GO TO Q13)

*(NEEDED TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL TRAINING)

Q10 Have you....

1. Completed the additional training, (GO TO Q13)
2. Started the additional training (but not yet completed it) or (GO TO Q13)
3. Do you intend to do the additional training in the future, or (GO TO Q13)
4. Do you NOT intend to do the additional training at all? (GO TO Q13)
5. (Can't say) (GO TO Q13)
6. (Refused) (GO TO Q13)

*(NEEDED TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS)

Q11 Have you....

1. Completed the additional requirements, (GO TO Q13)
2. Started the additional requirements (but not yet completed them), or (GO TO Q13)
3. Do you intend to do the additional requirements, or (GO TO Q13)
4. Do you NOT intend to do the additional requirements at all? (GO TO Q13)
5. (Can't say) (GO TO Q13)
6. (Refused) (GO TO Q13)

*(HAVE NOT HAD OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSED)

Q12 What's the MAIN reason why you haven't had your qualification assessed?

1. Qualification not needed for current occupation
2. No longer working in that field
3. Retired / not working any more
4. Qualification internationally recognised / accepted
5. Other (Specify_____)
6. (Can't say)
7. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q13 (Please bear with me, we ask everybody this question...) What language do you speak best?

INTERVIEWER NOTE: If claims to speak English and other language equally well, record other language. If multiple languages displayed from 2005 survey, and currently speaks one of the 2005 languages best, code as 1 (same as 2005 survey)

DISPLAY Q17_othr (LANGUAGE SPOKEN BEST FROM 2005 SURVEY)

1. Language spoken best is same as 2005 survey GO TO PREQ14
2. Language spoken best now English GO TO Q17
3. Language spoken best now other language (Specify_____) (CODE TO ASCL IN EXCEL) (GO TO Q14)
4. (Can't say) (AVOID) (GO TO Q17)
5. (Refused) (GO TO Q17)

PREQ14 IF Q17_lang=1 (LANGUAGE SPOKEN BEST IN 2005 IS ENGLISH) GO TO Q17. OTHERS CONTINUE

*(ENGLISH NOT BEST LANGUAGE)

Q14 How well do you SPEAK English? Would you say.....

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Not well, or
4. Not at all
5. (Can't say)
6. (Refused)

*(ENGLISH NOT BEST LANGUAGE)

Q15 And how well do you READ English? Would you say.....

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Not well, or
4. Not at all
5. (Can't say)
6. (Refused)

*(ENGLISH NOT BEST LANGUAGE)

Q16 And how well do you WRITE English? Would you say....

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Not well, or
4. Not at all
5. (Can't say)
6. (Refused)

PREQ17 IF SKILLED VISA FLAG = 1 CONTINUE. OTHERS GO TO Q20

*(SKILLED VISA)

Q17 In applying for migration to Australia did you do an IELTS test?

IF NECESSARY: IELTS is an English language test taken under the International English Language Testing System

1. Yes
2. No (GO TO Q19)
3. (Can't say) (GO TO Q19)
4. (Refused) (GO TO Q19)

*(TOOK IELTS TEST)

Q18 What score did you get on that test?

IF NECESSARY: Scores can range from 1.0 to 10.0

1. Score given (Specify decimal _____) (RANGE 1.0 TO 10.0)
2. (Can't say)
3. (Refused)

*(SKILLED VISA)

Q19 In applying for your skilled visa, what was your nominated occupation?

EXPLAIN AS NECESSARY: When you completed your application form for a skilled visa, you had to nominate a particular skilled occupation for which you were qualified.

1. Nominated occupation given (Specify job title and main tasks _____) (CODE TO ASCO L4)
2. Denies applying for skilled visa
3. (Can't say) (AVOID)
4. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q20 Thinking about your last 12 months in Australia, Have you been unemployed and looking for work at any time?

1. Yes
2. No (GO TO Q23)
3. (Can't say) (AVOID) (GO TO Q23)
4. (Refused) (GO TO Q23)

*(UNEMPLOYED AT ANY TIME IN LAST 12 MONTHS)

Q21 For how long were you unemployed over this time?

1. Months given (Specify _____) (RANGE 1 TO 12)
2. Weeks given (Specify _____) (RANGE 1 TO 52)
3. Days given (Specify _____) (RANGE 1 TO 365)
4. (Can't say) (AVOID)
5. (Refused)

*(UNEMPLOYED AT ANY TIME IN LAST 12 MONTHS)

Q22 What was the MAIN problem, if any, that you've had in finding work?

1. None / no problems
2. English language difficulties
3. Qualifications not recognised
4. Insufficient training
5. Insufficient experience
6. Insufficient local experience
7. Not enough jobs
8. Discrimination against racial/ethnic background
9. Discrimination against males/females
10. Discrimination on the basis of age
11. Other (Specify _____)
12. (Can't say)
13. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q23 Are you currently working in a job, business or farm?

IF "STUDYING" CLARIFY: Do you currently have a job as well, are you looking for work, or are you not in paid employment at all?

1. Yes, working
2. No, unemployed and looking for work
3. Not working, not looking for work
4. Other (Specify_____)
5. (Can't say) (AVOID)
6. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q24 (Just to confirm) What is your current main activity?
(READ OUT AS APPROPRIATE)

1. A wage or salary earner
2. Conducting own business
3. Other employed (Specify_____)
4. Unemployed, looking for work (GO TO Q33)
5. Setting up own business (GO TO Q33)
6. Student (GO TO Q33)
7. Home duties (GO TO Q33)
8. Retired / no longer working (GO TO Q33)
9. Other NOT employed (Specify_____) (GO TO Q33)
10. (Can't say) (GO TO Q33)
11. (Refused) (GO TO Q33)

PREQ25 IF Q24 _2005=1 (EMPLOYED IN 2005) GO TO Q25a. OTHERS GO TO Q25b.

Q25a On your 2005 survey form, you said that you were employed as a.... READ OUT

DISPLAY JOB TITLE FROM 2005:
DISPLAY MAIN TASKS AND DUTIES FROM 2005

Is this still the case?

1. Yes (GO TO PREQ27)
2. No
3. (Can't say)
4. (Refused)

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, NOT EMPLOYED IN SAME OCCUPATION AS 2005)

Q25b What is your current job title? PROBE FOR FULL JOB TITLE
(IF MORE THAN ONE JOB, ASK FOR JOB WITH MOST HOURS)

1. Job title given (Specify_____)
2. (Can't say) (AVOID)
3. (Refused)

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED)

Q26 What are your main tasks or duties in this job?

1. Main tasks and duties given (Specify _____) (CODE Q25/26 TO ASCO L4 IN EXCEL)
2. (Can't say) (AVOID)
3. (Refused)

PREQ27 IF 2005 Q13=1 (OBTAINED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL)
CONTINUE. OTHERS GO TO Q29

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, OBTAINED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL)

Q27 How often do you use your highest qualification in this job? Would you say....

1. Often (GO TO Q29)
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely or never
4. (Can't say) (GO TO Q29)
5. (Refused) (GO TO Q29)

*(USES HIGHEST QUALIFICATION SOMETIMES / RARELY / NEVER

Q28 What are the main reasons you don't use your highest qualifications more often in this job?

1. Highest qualification not needed for current occupation
2. No longer working in that field
3. Reasons given (Specify _____)
4. (Can't say)
5. (Refused)

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED)

Q29 How do you feel about your job? Would you say....

1. I like the job
2. The job is okay
3. Don't really care - it is just a job, or
4. I dislike the job
5. (Can't say)
6. (Refused)

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED)

Q30 Are you working in your preferred occupation?

1. Yes
2. No
3. (Can't say)
4. (Refused)

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED)

Q31 How many hours per WEEK do you work in ALL your jobs?
IF VARIES: Well, on average, what would it work out to?

1. Hours per week given (Specify decimal_____) (RANGE 0.5 TO 120.0)
2. (Can't say) (AVOID)
3. (Refused)

*(CURRENTLY EMPLOYED)

Q32 Just approximately, what is your gross annual income from ALL jobs – that's before tax or anything else is taken out?

IF NECESSARY: Just an estimate will be fine – you can pro-rata your (daily / weekly / fortnightly / monthly) earnings.

INTERVIEWER USE CONVERSION SHEET IF NECESSARY

1. Gross annual income given (Specify_____) (Range \$1 to \$9,999,999)
2. (Can't say)
3. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q33 Do you currently have a partner?

1. Yes
2. No (GO TO Q39)
3. (Don't know) (GO TO Q39)
4. (Can't say) (GO TO Q39)

*(HAS PARTNER)

Q33a Has your partner completed any qualifications since leaving secondary school? This includes qualifications from Australia or overseas.

INTERVIEWER NOTE: Record details of VOCATIONAL qualifications only (not qualifications related to hobbies / general interest)

1. Yes
2. No (GO TO Q36)
3. (Can't say) (GO TO Q36)
4. (Refused) (GO TO Q36)

*(PARTNER COMPLETED QUALIFICATIONS SINCE LEAVING SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Q34 What is the highest qualification your partner has completed?

1. Diploma
2. AQF Certificate 3 or 4
3. Trade qualification
4. Doctorate
5. Masters Degree
6. Bachelor degree/post graduate diploma
7. Other qualification (Specify_____)
8. (Can't say)
9. (Refused)

*(PARTNER COMPLETED QUALIFICATIONS SINCE LEAVING SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Q35 What was your partner's main field of study? For example nursing, mechanical engineering, welding etc

1. Other (Specify _____) (CODE TO ASCED L4 IN EXCEL)
2. (not used)
3. (Can't say)
4. (Refused)

*(HAS PARTNER)

Q36 Is your partner currently working in a job, business or farm?

IF "STUDYING" CLARIFY: Does your partner currently have a job as well, or are they looking for work, or are they not in paid employment at all?

1. Yes, working
2. No, unemployed and looking for work
3. Not working, not looking for work
4. Other (Specify _____)
5. (Can't say) (AVOID)
6. (Refused)

*(HAS PARTNER)

Q37 (Just to confirm) What is your partner's main activity?

1. A wage or salary earner
2. Conducting own business
3. Other employed (Specify _____)
4. Unemployed, looking for work (GO TO Q39)
5. Setting up own business (GO TO Q39)
6. Student (GO TO Q39)
7. Home duties (GO TO Q39)
8. Other NOT employed (Specify _____) (GO TO Q39)
9. (Can't say) (GO TO Q39)
10. (Refused) (GO TO Q39)

*(PARTNER IS EMPLOYED)

Q38 Just approximately, what is your partner's gross annual income from ALL jobs – that's before tax or anything else is taken out?

1. Partner's gross annual income given (Specify _____) (Range \$1 to \$9,999,999)
2. (Can't say)
3. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q39 Which government income support payments, if any, do you personally receive?
(MULTIPLES ACCEPTED)

CLARIFY AS NECESSARY: We're including major benefits like Family Tax Benefit and Rent Assistance, but EXCLUDING Child Care Benefits and one-off payments like the Baby Bonus.

1. NewStart allowance / unemployment benefits
2. Family assistance
3. Disability payments
4. Carer payments / carer allowance
5. Parenting payment
6. Special Benefit
7. Family tax benefit
8. Rent assistance
9. Other benefit (Specify_____)
10. Do not receive any benefits
11. (Can't say)
12. (Refused)

PREQ39a IF Q33=1 (HAS PARTNER) CONTINUE. OTHERS GO TO Q40

*(HAS PARTNER)

Q39a And which government income support payments, if any, does your partner currently receive?
(MULTIPLES ACCEPTED)

1. NewStart allowance / unemployment benefits
2. Family assistance
3. Disability payments
4. Carer payments / carer allowance
5. Parenting payment
6. Special Benefit
7. Family tax benefit
8. Rent assistance
9. Other benefit (Specify_____)
10. Do not receive any benefits
11. (Can't say)
12. (Refused)

PREQ40 IF Q33=1 (HAS PARTNER) GO TO Q40 INTRO A. OTHERS GO TO Q40 INTRO B.

*(ALL)

Q40 INTRO A Which, if any, of the following assets have you or your partner transferred to Australia since arrival?

INTRO B Which, if any, of the following assets did you transfer to Australia since arrival?
(MULTIPLES ACCEPTED)

1. Funds, such as money, income from shares and investments
2. Personal effects that you have brought in to Australia from overseas, such as jewellery, household goods, artwork and electronic equipment
3. Capital equipment, that is, items required to run a business, such as machinery, tools or computers used for work
4. None (GO TO Q42)
5. (Can't say) (GO TO Q42)
6. (Refused) (GO TO Q42)

*(TRANSFERRED ASSETS)

*(ASK FOR EACH OF 1, 2 AND 3 AT Q40)

Q41 What was the approximate value of these (funds / personal items / capital equipment) – in Australian dollars, to the nearest \$1,000

1. Amount given (Specify _____) (RANGE \$1,000 TO \$10,000,000)
2. (Can't say)
3. (Refused)
4. Less than \$1,000

*(ALL)

Q42 In the last 12 months have you used...
(MULTIPLES ACCEPTED)

1. The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), or
2. Translating and interpreting services (TIS)?
3. (Have not used any of these services)
4. (Can't say)
5. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q43 Would you say that you have been made to feel welcome since coming to Australia?

1. Yes
2. No
3. (Can't say)
4. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q44 And while you were in Australia, have you regularly attended any of the following – if you could please tell me “Yes” or “No” for each.....
(MULTIPLES ACCEPTED)

1. Religious activities
2. Activities arranged by a local school
3. Activities organised by people from your home country
4. Activities arranged by the local community, or
5. Activities involving sports or hobbies
6. (None of these)
7. (Can't say)
8. (Refused)

*(ALL)

Q45 Do you feel that you are settling into Australian society?

1. Yes (GO TO Q47)
2. No

3. (Can't say) (GO TO Q47)
4. (Refused) (GO TO Q47)

*(NOT SETTLING IN TO AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY)

Q46 Why do you say that?

*(ALL)

Q47 And finally, about how many people do you talk to who live in your street or near you?

1. None
2. Number of people given (Specify_____) (RANGE 1 TO 99) (IF 100 OR MORE RECORD AS 99)
3. (Can't say) (AVOID)
4. (Refused)