CONTINUOUS LABOUR FORCE SURVEY - 2005

Third and fourth quarter

Personal questionnaire

### A. GENERAL INFORMATION
To be answered by all persons aged 15 years or more.

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<td>1. Did you do any paid work during the reference week, even if only for one hour?</td>
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<td>2. Did you do any unpaid work for a relative's business during the reference week?</td>
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<td>3. During the reference week, did you have a job which, for some reason, you were absent from?</td>
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<td>4. During the reference week, were you in full career break or on full leave from work (time credit system) and registered as such with the public employment agency?</td>
<td>Yes - full career break (or time credit) not exceeding 3 months</td>
<td>Yes - full career break (or time credit) for more than 3 months</td>
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### B. MAIN AND SECOND ACTIVITY
To be answered by all persons who had a job or were for some reason absent from their job during the reference week.

#### B1. Main activity

5. Which of the following categories describes best your professional status (during the reference week)?
   - Private sector - manual ("blue-collar")
   - Private sector - non-manual ("white-collar")
   - Public sector - permanent position
   - Public sector - temporary position
   - Self-employed without employees
   - Self-employed with employees
   - Unpaid family helper

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6. Do you have a responsible job, in other words, do you supervise other personnel?
   - Yes
   - No

7. Were you already absent for more than 3 months during the reference week?
   - Yes
   - No

8. Did you receive half or more than half of your wage during that absence?
   - Yes
   - No

9. Which is your main job or occupation? (Please give an accurate description.)

10. Municipality of the local unit where you work:
    - City / town:
    - Country and region or department (if foreign):

11. What is the main activity of the company (local unit) where you work? (Please give an accurate description.)
12. How many persons (including the employer) work in the company (local unit)?
   - 1 to 10 (please mention the exact number) ............... 1  
   - 11 to 19 .................................................. 11 
   - 20 to 49 .................................................. 12 
   - 50 to 249 .................................................. 13 
   - 250 to 499 .................................................. 14 
   - 500 and more .............................................. 15 
   - Do not know, between 1 and 10 .............................................. 81 
   - Do not know, 11 or more .............................................. 82 

13. Since when do you have your present job?
   - Month and year .................................................. E3 

E3: If you are a wage earner / an employee (Q5 = 1, 2, 3, 4) .......
   - If you are self-employed or a family helper (Q5 = 5, 6, 7) ....

E4: If you started your present job during the last 12 months ....
   - If you started your present job more than 12 months ago ...

14. Did you find your present job through a regional employment agency (VDAB, BGDA, FOREM or ADG)?
   - Yes .................................................. 1 
   - No ..................................................................... 2 

15. You have ...
   - ... a permanent job (i.e. a work contract of unlimited duration or a permanent appointment) ............... 1 
   - ... a temporary job .................................................. 2 

16. You have a temporary job:
   a) It is ...
      - ... an interim / fill-in job .................................................. 1 
      - ... a job at a local employment agency (ALE / PWA) ....... 2 
      - ... a training scheme / an apprenticeship ...................... 3 
      - ... a student job (with a student contract) ...................... 4 
      - ... a temporary contract for a given job ....................... 5 
      - ... another temporary contract (please indicate) ......... 16b 
      - ... an odd job without formal contract ....................... 7 
   b) Why did you accept a temporary job?
      - You could not find a permanent job ......................... 1 
      - You did not want a permanent job ............................ 2 
      - Other reason .................................................. 3 
   c) Which is the duration of your present contract?
      - Shorter than 1 month .............................................. 00 
      - Longer than 3 years ............................................... 38 
      - Between 1 and 36 months (please indicate how many months) ......... 17 

17. Do you work full-time or part-time in your main job?
   - Full-time .................................................. 1 
   - Part-time .................................................. 2 

18. To what percentage of a full-time job does yours correspond?
   - Percentage .................................................. 1 

19. What was the main reason for accepting a part-time job?
   - You were in a position of non-activity before retirement, enjoying a bridging pension, retired or in early retirement and could only accept a part-time job ....................... 1 
   - You did not find a full-time job .................................. 1 
   - You had to change from full-time to part-time work due to the economic situation of your company .................. 3 
   - In addition to another part-time job .............................. 4 
   - Combining studies or training with part-time employment .... 5 
   - You could not work full-time on health grounds (disability) .. 6 
   - Professional reasons (work climate, working conditions, stress, harassment, ...) ............................................. 7 
   - In order to care for your children or incapacitated persons ...
      - ... because suitable care services for children are not available or affordable ............................................. 8 
      - ... because suitable care services for ill, disabled or elderly are not available or affordable ...................... 9 
      - ... because suitable care services for both children and ill, disabled or elderly are not available or affordable ............................................. 10 
      - ... for other reasons .................................................. 11 
   - Other personal or family reasons .................................. 12 
   - You did not want to work full-time ................................ 13 
   - Other reasons (please indicate) ..................................... 14 

B2. Work duration (main activity)

20. How many hours did you actually work in your main job during the reference week (training weeks included; teachers’ preparation included)?
   - Number of hours during the reference week ............... 1 
   (Maximum 97; write 00 if you did not work during the reference week; 98 for “do not know”) 

21. During the reference week, you worked ...
   - ... as many hours as usual ............................................. 1 
   - ... fewer hours than usual .......................................... 2 
   - ... more hours than usual .......................................... 3 
   - Your working schedule varies considerably from week to week ............................................. 4
### 22. Why did you work less than usually (or not at all) during the reference week? (Main reason.)

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<td>Annual holidays</td>
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<td>Compensation leave</td>
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<td>Illness, accident or temporary disability</td>
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<td>Variable schedule (the worker chooses)</td>
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<td>Flexible schedule (the employer decides)</td>
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<td>Technical or economic reasons (temporary unemployment)</td>
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<td>Maternity leave</td>
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<td>Career break - time credit</td>
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<td>Labour dispute</td>
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<td>End of job without taking up a new one during the reference week</td>
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<td>Got redundancy notice and did not have to work any longer</td>
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<td>Started working or changed jobs during the reference week</td>
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<td>Education or training</td>
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<td>Other reason (please indicate)</td>
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### 23. Why did you work more than usually during the reference week?

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<td>Technical or economic reasons (e.g. booming economy, ...)</td>
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<td>Weather conditions</td>
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<td>Other reason (please indicate)</td>
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### 24. a) How many paid non-compensated overtime hours did you work during the reference week?

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### 24. b) How many unpaid non-compensated overtime hours did you work during the reference week?

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### 25. How many hours per week do you usually work?

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### 26. How many hours per week should you work according to your contract?

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### 27. Did you have a second job during the reference week (even though you did not practise it)?

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### 28. How many hours did you work in this second job during the reference week?

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### 29. How many hours per week do you usually work in this second job?

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### 30. Which of the following categories describes best your professional status in your second job (during the reference week)?

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<td>Public sector – permanent position</td>
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<td>Public sector – temporary position</td>
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<td>Self-employed without employees</td>
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<td>Unpaid family helper</td>
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### 31. Your second activity is...

- ... a permanent job (i.e. a contract of unlimited duration or a permanent appointment) | 1 |
- ... a temporary job                                                        | 2 |

### 32. Your second activity is temporary. It is...

- ... an interim / fill-in job                                               | 1 |
- ... a training scheme / an apprenticeship                                  | 2 |
- ... a student job (with a student contract)                                | 3 |
- ... a temporary contract for a given job                                   | 4 |
- ... another temporary contract (please indicate)                          | 5 |
- ... an odd job without formal contract                                     | 6 |

### 33. What is the main activity of the company (local unit) where you carry out your second job? (Please give an accurate description.)

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### 34. Did you follow an identical working schedule (same starting and finishing time) during the reference month?

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<td>Not applicable: odd jobs, did not work during the reference month (full career break or time credit, long absence)</td>
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35. During the reference month, you worked …
   - … in a shift system with …
     - … 2 shifts ............................................. 1 36
     - … 3 shifts ............................................. 2 36
     - … 4 shifts or more ..................................... 3 36
     - … in a variable schedule (the worker chooses) 4 36
     - … in a flexible schedule (the employer chooses) 5 36
     - … in a split schedule (e.g. morning and evening) 6 36
     - … in another schedule .................................. 7 36

36. During the reference month, how often did you work according to the following schedules / modalities foreseen or not in your contract ?

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(*) Explanation of the codes used :
1 : never
2 : for a), b) and e) : less than 50 % of the working days;
   for c) and d) : one day (Saturday or Sunday);
3 : for a), b) and e) : 50 % of the working days or more;
   for c) and d) : two days (Saturday or Sunday) or more;
4 : always.

37. Would you like to work more than currently if your wage would proportionally increase (all jobs combined) ?
   - No ................................................................. 0 39
   - Yes : - in your present job .................................. 1 38
   - by finding an additional job ............................. 2 38
   - by finding a job with more working hours .......... 3 38
   - no preference ............................................. 4 38

38. How many hours would you like to work ?
   - Hours / week .................................................. 1 39

B5. Job wishes

39. Are you looking for another job ?
   - Yes ............................................................. 1 40
   - No ............................................................. 2 41

40. Why are you looking for another job ? (Main reason.)
   - You are afraid to lose your present job ................. 1 48
   - You are looking for another job that better corresponds to your qualifications ................. 2 48
   - You are looking for a job with more working hours per week ...................................... 3 48
   - You are looking for a job with fewer working hours per week ...................................... 4 48
   - You are looking for better working conditions (e.g. salary, schedule, commuting time, …) 5 48
   - You are looking for an additional job (to supplement the present one) ...................... 6 48
   - You consider your present job as a transitional job .................................................. 7 48

41. Do you wish to change jobs now ?
   - Yes .................................................................. 1 42
   - No ................................................................. 2 64

42. Why are you not looking for another job ? (Main reason.)
   - You have no time to look for another job ............. 0 62
   - You are awaiting the results of previous job searches .......... 1 62
   - You think that there is no job ............................ 2 62
   - ... in the immediate surroundings ....................... 2 62
   - ... because you are not properly qualified / trained ... 3 62
   - ... because you are too old ................................ 4 62
   - ... because you are too young (inexperienced) ...... 5 62
   - ... for other reasons ...................................... 6 62
   - You are temporarily unable to look for a job due to illness ... 7 62
   - Other reason (please indicate) ........................ 8 62

C. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS OR PERSONS IN FULL CAREER BREAK (OR TIME CREDIT) FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS

To be answered by all persons not concerned with B.

43. During the reference week, were you in a position of non-activity before retirement, enjoying a bridging pension, retired or In early retirement ?
   - Yes : - in non-activity before retirement ............. 1 44
   - enjoying a bridging pension ............................ 2 44
   - in early retirement ......................................... 3 44
   - retired ......................................................... 4 44
   - No .................................................................. 5 44

44. Are you seeking paid employment ?
   - Yes .................................................................. 1 48
   - No ................................................................. 2 53

E5: If you were in a position of non-activity before retirement, enjoying a bridging pension, retired or in early retirement during the reference week (Q43 = 1, 2, 3, 4)

45. Before or during the reference month, did you find a job that would only start after the reference month or are you intending to start working again after a full career break or a full leave from work (time credit) ?
   - Yes : - new job to start within 3 months ............... 0 51
   - new job to start in more than 3 months .......... 1 51
   - interrupted job to be resumed full-time within 3 months ............................................. 2 55
   - interrupted job to be resumed part-time within 3 months ............................................ 3 55
   - interrupted job to be resumed full-time in more than 3 months .................................... 4 55
   - interrupted job to be resumed part-time in more than 3 months .................................... 5 55
   - No .................................................................. 6 46

46. Do you currently want paid employment ?
   - Yes .................................................................. 1 47
   - No ................................................................. 2 47
47. Why are you not looking for employment (in spite of your desire to have a job, if possible), or do you not want a job? (Main reason.)

- You are in education / training .......................................................... 0 E6
- You are awaiting the results of previous job searches ...................... 1 E6
- You think there is no job ................................................................. 1 E6
  - ... in the immediate surroundings .................................................... 2 E6
  - ... because you are not properly qualified / trained ....................... 3 E6
  - ... because you are too old .............................................................. 4 E6
  - ... because you are too young (inexperienced) ............................... 5 E6
  - ... for other reasons ................................................................. 6 E6
- You are temporarily not able to work due to illness ........................ 7 E6
- In order to care for children or incapacitated persons ....... 8 E6
  - ... because suitable care services for children are not available or affordable .................................................. 8 E6
  - ... because suitable care services for ill, disabled or elderly are not available or affordable ......................... 9 E6
  - ... because suitable care services for both children and ill, disabled or elderly are not available or affordable .......... 10 E6
  - ... for other reasons ................................................................. 11 E6
- Other personal or family reasons .................................................. 12 E6
- Other reasons (please indicate) ..................................................... 13 E6
- No particular reason ........................................................................ 14 E6

E6: If you want a paid job (Q46 = 1) .................................................. 56
- Other cases (Q46 = 2) ........................................................................ 59
D. SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT

To be answered by all persons looking for a job, whether or not they are employed.

48. What kind of employment are you looking for?

- Self-employed ........................................................................ 1 52
- Employee (full-time) ................................................................. 2 49
- Employee (part-time) ................................................................. 3 50
- No preference ............................................................................ 4 52

49. Would you possibly accept a part-time job?

- Yes ....................................................................................... 5 52
- No .......................................................................................... 6 52

50. Would you possibly accept a full-time job?

- Yes ....................................................................................... 7 52
- No .......................................................................................... 8 52
E. JOB FOUND

To be answered by all persons having found a job before or during the reference week, but not having started working yet at the end of the reference week.

51. What kind of job did you find?

- Self-employed ........................................................................ 1 52
- Employee (full-time) ................................................................. 2 52
- Employee (part-time) ................................................................. 3 52

F. JOB SEARCH

To be answered by all persons looking for a job or having found one recently but not having started yet at the end of the reference week.

52. How did you look for employment during the reference month (reference week + 3 preceding weeks)? (Give all modes.)

- You contacted a local employment agency (PWA / ALE) .................. 0 E6
- You contacted a public employment agency (VDAB / BGDA / FOREM) in order to find work ........................................ 1 E6
- You contacted an interim / a selection bureau, a head hunter’s agency ................................................................. 2 E6
- You applied to employers, visited a job fair .................................. 3 E6
- You asked personal relations (relatives, friends, ...) ...................... 4 E6
- You inserted a job advertisement in newspapers or journals or answered one ......................................................... 5 E6
- You took a test, a competition for recruitment to the public sector, went to a job interview ........................................ 6 E6
- You consulted job advertisements (newspaper, teletext, internet, ...) .............................................................................. 7 E6
- You have been waiting for an offer made by a public employment agency (VDAB / BGDA / FOREM) .............................. 8 E6
- You have been waiting for a call from an interim / a selection bureau, a head hunter’s agency, a local employment agency (PWA / ALE) ................................................................. 9 E6
- You have been waiting for the results of a competition for recruitment to the public sector ........................................ 10 E6
- You looked for land, premises, equipment .................................. 11 E6
- You looked for financial resources .............................................. 12 E6
- You looked for licences, permits .................................................... 13 E6
- Other methods (please indicate) .................................................. 14 E6
- No job search ............................................................................ 15 E6

53. How long have you been looking for work?

- Number of months (000 if less than 1 month) ......................... 1 54

54. What was your situation just before you started looking for a job?

- You had a job ............................................................................. 1 E7
- You were a pupil / a student / in training ................................... 2 E7
- You were a housewife / a househusband .................................... 3 E7
- You were disabled ........................................................................ 4 E7
- Other situation (please indicate) .................................................. 5 E7

G. AVAILABILITY FOR WORK & PAST PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

To be answered by everybody.

E7: If you have a job (full career break or time credit for more than three months excepted)
(Q1 = 1 or Q2 = 1 or Q4 = 0, 2) .................................................. 62

Other cases (Q3 = 2 or Q4 = 1) .................................................. 55

Q1. Persons without a job or in full career break (or time credit) for more than 3 months

- Yes ....................................................................................... 1 E7

55. If a job were available now (or if you were offered to resume working after a full career break), could you start working within two weeks?

- Yes ....................................................................................... 1 E7
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**56. Why could you not start working within two weeks?**  
- You have to complete studies / training ........................................ 1 57  
- You are disabled ............................................................................. 2 57  
- You have to care for your children ................................................. 3 57  
- Other personal or family reasons ................................................... 4 57  
- Other reasons (please indicate) ....................................................... 5 57  

**57. How many hours would you like to work per week?**  
- Hours / week .................................................................................. I I I I 58  

**58. Are you registered with a public employment agency (RVA-ONEM / BGDA-ORBEM / VDAB / FOREM)?**  
- You are not registered ...................................................................... 1 59  
- You are registered and ...  
  - ... receive benefits (unemployed, person in bridging pension, older unemployed, exempt unemployed, person in care break or time credit, ...) ........................................... 2 59  
  - ... do not receive benefits ......................................................... 3 59  

**59. What was your social-economic situation a year ago?**  
- You had a job .................................................................................. 1 61  
- You were a pupil / a student / in training ........................................ 2 60  
- You were a housewife / a househusband ....................................... 3 60  
- You were disabled ......................................................................... 4 60  
- You were unemployed .................................................................... 5 60  
- You were in non-activity before retirement or enjoying a bridging pension .......................................................... 6 60  
- You were retired or in early retirement ........................................ 7 60  
- Other situation (please indicate) ....................................................... 8 60  

**60. Did you ever have a paid job?**  
- Yes .................................................................................................. 1 61  
- No ................................................................................................... 2 73  

**61. When did your previous job come to an end, or did the full career break (or time credit) begin?**  
- Month and year .............................................................................. I I I I / I I I I I I I I 61  

**62. If you were offered another job now, could you start working within two weeks?**  
- Yes .................................................................................................. 1 64  
- No ................................................................................................... 2 63  

**63. Why could you not start working within two weeks?**  
- You can not or do not want to leave your present job immediately .......................................................... 1 64  
- You have to complete school / training ......................................... 2 64  
- You are disabled .......................................................................... 3 64  
- You have to care for your children ............................................... 4 64  
- Other personal or family reasons ................................................ 5 64  
- Other reasons (please indicate) ..................................................... 6 64  

**64. Are you registered with a public employment agency (RVA / VDAB / BGDA / FOREM)?**  
- You are not registered ...................................................................... 1 65  
- You are registered and ...  
  - ... receive benefits (involuntary part-time worker, career break or time credit, ...) ........................................... 2 65  
  - ... do not receive benefits ......................................................... 3 65  

**65. What was your social-economic situation a year ago?**  
- You had the same job ................................................................... 1 72a  
- You had another job ................................................................... 2 66  
- You were a pupil / a student / in training ..................................... 3 72a  
- You were a housewife / a househusband ................................... 4 72a  
- You were disabled ...................................................................... 5 72a  
- You were unemployed .................................................................. 6 72a  
- You were in non-activity before retirement or enjoying a bridging pension .................................................. 7 72a  
- You were retired or in early retirement ...................................... 8 72a  
- Other situation (please indicate) .................................................. 9 72a  

**66. When did your previous job come to an end?**  
- Month and year .............................................................................. I I I I / I I I I I I I I 67  

**H. LAST JOB / PREVIOUS JOB / INTERRUPTED JOB**  
To be answered by all persons who left their last job or interrupted it during the last 8 years or changed jobs during the last 12 months - eff.  

**67. Why did your last / previous job come to an end, or why has it been interrupted? (Main reason.)**  
- Non-activity before retirement ....................................................... 1 68  
- Bridging pension for economic reasons ........................................ 2 68  
- Early retirement for other than economic or health reasons ...... 3 68  
- Retirement for other than economic or health reasons .......... 4 68  
- Dismissal or redundancy .............................................................. 5 68  
- Illness or complete or partial disability ......................................... 6 68  
- End of contract of limited duration .............................................. 7 68  
- Closure of company ..................................................................... 8 68  
- You quit / resigned .................................................................... 9 68  
- You wanted to care for your children ........................................ 10 68  
- Other personal or family reasons ............................................... 11 68  
- Education or training ................................................................. 12 68  
- Other reasons (please indicate) .................................................... 13 68  

**68. What was your professional status in your last / previous / interrupted job?**  
- Private sector - manual ("blue-collar") ...................................... 1 69  
- Private sector - non-manual ("white-collar") ................................. 2 69  
- Public sector - permanent position ............................................ 3 69  
- Public sector - temporary position ............................................. 4 69  
- Self-employed without employees ............................................. 5 69  
- Self-employed with employees ................................................ 6 69
I. FIRST JOB
To be answered by everyone who had a job during the reference week or did any paid work during the last eight years.

72. a) Did you ever have a job for at least 6 months?
- Yes ............................................. 1 72b
- No .................................................. 2 73

72. b) In which year did you start working for at least 6 months?
- Year ............................................. 73

J. EDUCATION AND TRAINING
To be answered by everybody.

J1. Education and training during the last 12 months
73. Were you a student or an apprentice in regular education (including contractual apprenticeship and social promotion) during the last 12 months?
- Yes ............................................. 1 74
- No .................................................. 2 74

74. Did you attend any courses, seminars, conferences, ... outside the regular education system during the last 12 months?
- Yes ............................................. 1 75
- No .................................................. 2 75

75. Did you purposefully gather knowledge through self-teaching (printed material, internet, cd-roms, educational TV programmes, visit to a learning centre, job fair, ...) during the last 12 months?
- Yes ............................................. 1 E9
- No .................................................. 2 E9

E9: If you followed training or acquired knowledge through

J2. Regular education during the reference month
79. Were you a student or an apprentice in regular education (including contractual apprenticeship and social promotion) during the reference month (reference week and 3 preceding weeks)?
- Yes ............................................. 1 80
- Student / apprentice on school holidays ............................................. 2 80
- No .................................................. 3 82

80. What is the total duration of all regular education activities you attended during the reference month, expressed in number of taught hours?
- Number of hours ............................................. 81a

81. a) What was the level of the regular education that you received during the reference month or just before the school holidays?
- Primary education ............................................. 1 82
- Secondary education of the 1st degree ............................................. 2 82
- Secondary education of the 2nd or 3rd degree (general) .................. 3 82
- Secondary education of the 2nd or 3rd degree (technical, arts) .............. 4 81b
- Secondary education of the 2nd or 3rd degree (professional; possibly with contractual apprenticeship) .............. 5 81b
- Post-secondary education, not higher ............................................. 6 81b
- Higher non-university education (short programme) / professional bachelor ............................................. 7 81b
- Higher non-university education (long programme) / academic bachelor at a college ............................................. 8 81b
- University education - bachelor, master, engineer, doctor of medicine / academic bachelor at a university ............................................. 9 81b
- University education - advanced degree ............................................. 10 81b
- Doctor’s degree with doctoral thesis ............................................. 11 81b
- Other (please indicate) ............................................. 12 81b

81. b) What was the main field of regular education you received during the reference month or just before the school holidays?
See enclosed list. (Description and code.)

- Other cases (Q73 = 1 or Q74 = 1 or Q75 = 1) ............................................. 86a
- Other cases (Q73 = 2 and Q74 = 2 and Q75 = 2) ............................................. 86a
J3. Training outside the regular education system during the reference month

82. Did you attend any courses, seminars, conferences, ... outside the regular education system during the reference month (reference week and 3 preceding weeks)?
   - Yes .............................................................. 1 83
   - No ........................................................................ 2 E10

83. What was the total duration of all training activities outside regular education you attended during the reference month, expressed in number of taught hours?
   - Number of hours .............................................. 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 84

84. What was the main field of the most recent training activity outside regular education you attended during the reference month?
   See enclosed list. (Description and code.)
   ........................................................................................................
   ........................................................................................................ 85

85. What was the objective of that most recent training activity?
   - Related to (present or future) job ........................................ 1 86
   - Personal or social reasons .................................................... 2 86

86. Did you have a job at the moment of that most recent training activity?
   - No ........................................................................... 0 E10
   - Yes and the training activity took place …
     - … only during paid working hours ............................. 1 810
     - … mostly during paid working hours ...................... 2 810
     - … mostly outside paid working hours ..................... 3 810
     - … only outside paid working hours ......................... 4 810

87. In which framework did this education / training take place?
   - School / formal education (full-time or part-time) ....... 1 88a
   - At the workplace (without any additional training in a school or training centre) ..................... 2 88a
   - Combined system: workplace & additional training (alternating learning system, day release, …) ........ 3 88a
   - Training centre (private or public, but no school) ............................................................................. 4 88a
   - Distance learning (e.g. correspondence course) ........ 5 88a

K. STATUS ACCORDING TO OWN DEFINITION

To be answered by everybody.

90. Which of the following situations describes best your professional status during the reference week?
   - You have a job ....................................................... 1 E11
   - You have found a job, but have not started yet ......... 2 E11
   - You are a pupil / a student / in training ...................... 3 E11
   - You are a housewife / a househusband (care for own household) ...................................................... 4 E11
   - You are disabled .................................................... 5 E11
   - You are unemployed ............................................. 6 E11
   - You are in non-activity before retirement or enjoying a bridging pension .................................... 7 E11
   - You are retired or in early retirement ......................... 8 E11
   - Other person without employment ........................... 9 E11

L. INCOME

To be answered by all people who receive wages or social benefits (unemployment, minimum income, …).

91. What are your monthly wages in your main activity (if necessary approximately)?
   - Monthly net amount .......................................... EURO 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 92

92. Do you receive other job-related wages in addition to your monthly net income (yearly premium, holiday money, thirteenth month, profit sharing, bonus, …)? (Main activity only.)
   - Yes (yearly amount) .............................................. EURO 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 93
   - No ...................................................................... 0 93

93. Do you receive any benefits (sickness, disability, motherhood benefits, (full or partial) career break (or time credit) allowance, unemployment benefit, additional benefit for older unemployed, allowance as an involuntary part-time worker, minimum income, …)?

98a. What is the highest diploma you obtained?
   - No diploma ............................................................ 0 90
   - Primary education ................................................. 1 89
   - Lower secondary / secondary education of the 1st or 2nd degree (general) ...................................... 2 89
   - Lower secondary / secondary education of the 1st or 2nd degree (technical, arts, professional) ........... 3 88b
   - Upper secondary / secondary education of the 3rd degree (general) ................................................. 4 89
   - Upper secondary / secondary education of the 3rd degree (technical) ............................................... 5 88b
   - Upper secondary / secondary education of the 3rd degree (arts) ...................................................... 6 88b
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