

2006 AD HOC MODULE QUESTIONNAIRE



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“Transition from work into retirement”

Answer persons aged 50 to 69

Annex-module to the sample survey of the labour force questionnaire for the 2nd quarter of 2006

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Attention interviewers!

Please pay attention to respondents` age. The age of the respondents is determined according to B`13 from the questionnaire of the Labour Force Survey, e.g., you should interview persons, who are born between 1937. – 1956.

Utmost age limits are defined precisely in the following way:

- 50 years old – born in **1956**, their birthday is **between January 1** and the **end of the reference week**;
- 69 years old – born in **1937**, their birthday is **after the end of the reference week**.

Annotations of interviewer

A`01 Code of populated area:

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A`02 Household No. (according to list):

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A`02a Sequence No. of the household members:

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A`04 The date of interview:

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Day

Month

Year

1 | In total, how many years have you spent working for pay or profit in your working life?

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2 | Are you still working?

- 1. Yes → 3
- 2. No → 4

3 | Do you have a financial incentive that makes you stay at work?

- 1. Yes → 3a
 - 2. No
 - 3. No answer
- } → 4

3a What is the reason for your choice to continue working?

- 1. To provide sufficient household incomes
 - 2. To increase your retirement pension entitlements
- } → 4

4 At which age do you plan to stop all work for pay or profit?

- 1. → 9
- 2. Does not know exactly → 5
- 3. Has already stopped all work for pay or profit → 6

5 If you do not know yet precisely at which age you plan to stop all work or profit, but can you **tell approximately** when you plan to stop all work or profit?

- 1. No exact planned age, but it will be before 60 years of age
 - 2. No exact planned age, but it will be between 60 and 64 years of age
 - 3. No exact planned age, but it will be at 65 years of age or after or plans to work as long as possible
 - 4. No exact planned age and do not know at all when it will be
- } → 9

Let's talk about your last job or business.

6 What was your main labour status just after leaving last job or business?

- 1. Unemployed → 8
 - 2. In retirement or early retirement → 7
 - 3. Long term sick or disabled
 - 4. Other
- } → 8

7 What were the main reasons for retirement or early retirement?

- 1. Lost job
 - 2. Had reached compulsory retirement age
 - 3. Own health or disability
 - 4. Care responsibilities
 - 5. Problems related to job
 - 6. Favourable financial arrangements to leave work
 - 7. Preference to stop working other than previous codes
 - 8. Other
- } → 8

8 Before retirement/stop working did you reduce your working hours, in order to retire completely?

- 1. Yes → 11
- 2. No → 10

9 Have you reduced your working hours in a move to full retirement?

- 1. Yes → 11
- 2. No → 10

10 Do you plan to reduce your working hours in a move to full retirement within the next 5 years?

1. Yes I am planning to do so within the next 5 years
2. No I am not planning to do so within the next 5 years
3. I do not know about the plans for the next 5 years/ plans are not relevant/ I do not know
4. I do not have plans because I am not working/ do not have business anymore

→ 12

11 You reduced your working hours in a move to full retirement. Did you take a progressive retirement scheme/ part-time pension or other variant?

1. Yes I used progressive retirement scheme/part-time pension
2. I used another variant

→ 12

12 Would more flexible working time arrangements make you stay longer at work?

1. Yes
2. No

→ 13

13 Would more opportunities to update skills make you stay longer at work?

1. Yes
2. No

→ 14

14 Would better health protection and/or safety at workplace make you stay longer at work?

1. Yes
2. No

→ 15

15 Do you receive individual retirement pension?

1. Yes → 16
2. No → 17

16 At what age did you start to receive an individual retirement pension?

→ 18

17 You do not receive individual retirement pension, but do you have rights to receive it?

1. Yes I have rights to receive an individual retirement pension
2. I do not have rights to receive an individual retirement pension yet
3. I do not have rights to receive an individual retirement pension

→ 18

18 Do you receive a disability pension/sick pension?

1. Yes
2. No

→ 19

19 | Do you receive an early retirement allowance?

- 1. Yes
 - 2. No
- } → 20

20 | Do you receive any other individual benefit?

- 1. Yes
 - 2. No
- } → 21
→ end of questionnaire

21 | Please specify what kind of individual benefit you have received

_____ → end of questionnaire

22 | Marks Interviewer!
How much time did you spend to fill this form of questionnaire?

..... minutes

Notes:

Signature of the interviewer _____

EXPLANATIONS
for the Labour Force Survey annex-module
“TRANSITION FROM WORK INTO RETIREMENT”
questionnaire filling

PREFACE

The aim of the questionnaire is to study how the transition from the labour market into retirement takes place and to find out the most important factors determining an individual's choice upon reaching the retirement age to retire early or to continue working or to leave the labour market.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Questions from this questionnaire should be asked to individuals at their pre-retirement and retirement age who in the reporting week have reached 50 – 69 years of age. Information about the precise determination of the respondent's age can be found in the upper part of the 1st page of the module questionnaire.

The terms *individual pension* or *allowance* mean the retirement pension or allowance that is granted to the specified individual.

At the end of the questionnaire (question 22) the time needed for filling-in the questionnaire should be indicated.

EXPLANATIONS OF SELECTED QUESTIONS

Question 7

Answer 4 ‘Care responsibilities’ refer to cases in which the respondent is watching over/taking care of children and if he/she is taking care of sick/disabled adults.

Answer 5 ‘Problems related to job’ should be marked in cases in which the respondent is not satisfied with:

- working schedule,
- work tasks,
- stress at work,
- degree of risk for health and safety,
- too high requirements,
- lack of the necessary skills for work
- employer's attitude.

Answer 6 “Favourable financial arrangements to leave the work” should be marked in cases when financial conditions on the part of the employer are favourable, e.g., special bonuses/compensations that have been the main reasons for retirement or early retirement. Mark the answer also in cases when some of the early retirement schemes are fulfilled (e.g. opportunities for farmers to retire earlier)

Answer 7 “Preference to stop working other than previous codes” should be marked if work was stopped:

- for private reasons,
- for family reasons (if the respondent is taking care of someone, answer No.4 should be marked),
- because there is no necessity to work,
- because there is an opportunity to stop(discontinue)working.

Question 9

answer 1 “Yes” should be marked if the respondent will continue to work reduced working hours

answer 2 “Yes” should be marked if working hours will not be reduced and also if the respondent has worked reduced working hours in all his/her life.

Question 12

answer 1 “Yes” refers to cases in which the respondent had an opportunity to:

- reduce the number of working hours,
- change the schedule of working hours,
- to fulfil part of the work at home and send the finished material to the employer by the Internet or other means of electronic communication.

Question 15

The term “individual retirement pension” means all retirement pensions, the early retirement pension and the long service pension.

Individuals who have reached the set age and whose insurance length is not less than 10 years have a right to receive a *retirement pension*.

Early retirement in the period between 01.01.2000 and 01.07.2008 is possible if the individual’s length of insurance is not less than 30 years but men can retire early not sooner than at the age of 60.

Individuals with special professions whose work after some time is connected with a loss of professional skills or social danger have a right to a *long service pension*. The long

service pension is granted to transport workers (air force, railroad, public transport, sea and river transport) and creative workers (circus, opera, ballet etc. artists) as well as to retired militaries, workers within the system of the Ministry of the Interior with special ranks as well as to public prosecutors.

Question 17

answer 2 “I do not have rights to receive individual retirement pension yet” should be marked in cases when the set **age of pension is not reached yet**.

answer 3 “I do not have rights to receive individual retirement pension” should be marked in cases when the obliged pension age is reached, but **the length of insurance is less than 10 years**.

Question 19

The allowance of early retirement is paid to workers at their pre-retirement age who have joined some of the early retirement programmes. The payment of allowance is stopped with the beginning of retirement pension receipt.

Question 20

Receivers of the state social security allowance are individuals who do not have rights to receive the retirement pension but can be candidates for the state social security allowance to the amount of 45 lats per month.

There is a possibility that an individual may receive some allowance from the employer or fund.

As this module studies the situation in the labour market for a group of individuals at the pre-retirement and retirement age, the cases of receipt of **other social allowances** (e.g. state family allowance, allowance to guardian for child maintenance, state social allowance to Chernobyl NPP disaster consequence liquidation participants and their families, etc.) should be marked with the answer **“No”**.