

Variable 197-198: HEALTHMA

Variable 199-200: HEALTHSE

Filter: All persons 15 years and over

*Q13a Do you have any of the following types of longstanding health conditions or diseases?
Please indicate maximum two types, starting with the most severe one.*

- 1 Problems with arms or hands (which include arthritis or rheumatism)
- 2 Problems with legs or feet (which includes arthritis or rheumatism)
- 3 Problems with back or neck (which includes arthritis or rheumatism)
- 4 Cancer
- 5 Skin conditions, including allergic reactions and severe disfigurement
- 6 Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems
- 7 Chest or breathing problems, including asthma and bronchitis
- 8 Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive problems
- 9 Diabetes
- 10 Epilepsy (including fits)
- 11 Severe headache such as migraine
- 12 Learning difficulties (reading, spelling or math disability)
- 13 Chronic anxiety
- 14 Depression
- 15 Other mental, nervous or emotional problems
- 16 Other progressive illnesses (which include multiple sclerosis, HIV, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease)
- 17 Other longstanding health problems
- 18 Only one type of longstanding health condition or disease
- 19 No

■ Longstanding means that the health condition or disease has lasted or is likely to last for at least 6 months. The main characteristics of a long standing condition or disease are that it is permanent and may be expected to require a long period of supervision, observation or care.

Variable 201- 202: DIFFICMA

Variable 203-204: DIFFICSE

Filter: All persons 15 years and over

Q13b Do you have difficulties with any of the following basic activities? Please indicate maximum two types, starting with the most difficult one.

- 1 Seeing, even if wearing glasses
- 2 Hearing, even if using a hearing aid
- 3 Walking, climbing steps
- 4 Sitting or standing
- 5 Remembering, concentrating
- 6 Communicating, for example understanding or being understood
- 7 Reaching or stretching
- 8 Lifting and carrying
- 9 Bending
- 10 Holding, gripping or turning
- 11 Only one difficulty
- 12 No

- Code 1: If a person has no difficulty in seeing because s/he is wearing glasses, s/he should not be considered as having a difficulty in seeing. The difficulty in this context should refer to instances where a person cannot see despite the fact that s/he is wearing glasses.
- Code 2: If a person has no difficulty in hearing because s/he is wearing a hearing aid, s/he should not be considered as having a difficulty in hearing. The difficulty in this context should refer to instances where a person cannot hear despite the fact that s/he is wearing a hearing aid.
- Code 6: 'Communicating, for example understanding or being understood' refers to problems in using or understanding the mother tongue and not a foreign language.

Variable 205: LIMHOURS

Filter: All persons 15 years and over

Q13c Does your health condition/disease or activity difficulty limit the number of hours that you can work in a week?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13d
- 2 No - go to Q13e
- 3 No condition/disease or activity difficulty - go to Q13m

Filter: Q13c = 1

Q13d Is the limitation in the number of hours that you can work in a week caused by:

- 1 The health condition(s) / disease(s) – go to Q13e
- 2 The activity difficulty(ies) – go to Q13e
- 3 Both, the health condition(s)/disease(s) and the activity difficulty(ies) – go to Q13e

■ Refers to a full-time working schedule and the limitation is measured in terms of the capability of a person to undertake the task (s/he can work) rather than performance (s/he does).

Variable 206: LIMTYPEW

Filter: Q13c = 2 or Q13d = between 1 and 3

Q13e Does your health condition/disease or activity difficulty limit the type of work that you can do (for instance, having problems in carrying heavy loads, working outdoors or sitting for a long time)?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13f
- 2 No – go to Q13g

Filter: Q13e = 1

Q13f Is the limitation in the type of work that you can do caused by:

- 1 The health condition(s)/disease(s) – go to Q13g
- 2 The activity difficulty(ies) – go to Q13g
- 3 Both, the health condition(s)/disease(s) and the activity difficulty(ies) – go to Q13g

■ Being limited in type of work covers, for example: having problems with carrying heavy loads, not being able to work outdoors or indoors, not being able to sit down for a long time as well as

not having the appropriate skills and training. It should be noted that the limitation is measured in terms of capacity to do a specific kind of work.

Variable 207: LIMTRANS

Filter: Q13e = 2 or Q13f = between 1 and 3

Q13g Does your health condition/disease or activity difficulty limit you in getting to and from work?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13h
- 2 No – go to Q13i

Filter: Q13g = 1

Q13h Is the limitation in getting to and from work caused by:

- 1 The health condition(s)/disease(s) – go to Q13i
- 2 The activity difficulty(ies) – go to Q13i
- 3 Both, the health condition(s)/disease(s) and the activity difficulty(ies) – go to Q13i

■ The limitation in getting to and from work covers the frequency of its impact (all the time, daily, weekly, monthly etc.) and the severity of its impact (not at all, to some extent etc.). The limitation is measured in terms of capacity to go and return to/from work.

Variable 208: NEEDHELP

Filter: Q13h = between 1 and 3

Q13i Because of your health condition/disease or activity difficulty would you need any personal assistance to enable you to work?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13j
- 2 No – go to Q13j

■ 'Personal assistance' refers to help from family members, relatives, friends and colleagues. Example: a sign language interpreter or a job coach

Variable 209: NEEDADAP

Filter: Q13i = between 1 and 2

Q13j Because of your health condition/disease or activity difficulty would you need special equipment or workplace adaptations to enable you to work?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13k
- 2 No – go to Q13k

■ 'Special equipment' includes a wide range of items, devices, pieces of equipment, enabling the person to work. They are used to increase, maintain or improve functioning of individuals.

On the other hand, 'workplace adaptations' refers to the architectural adaptations of the workplace.

Examples of technical Assistance (use of special equipment) are: use of a screen reader; use of adapted telephone; use of adapted computer; use of a voice synthesiser; and use of large print, braille.

Examples of adaptations to the workplace are: adaptation of the entrance to the building; appropriate parking; ramps and handrails; accessible toilets; accessible lifts; and modified workstation.

Variable 210: NEEDORGA

Filter: Q13j = between 1 and 2

Q13k Because of your health condition/disease or activity difficulty would you need any special working arrangements (such as: sedentary jobs, teleworking, flexible hours or less strenuous work) to enable you to work?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13l
- 2 No – go to Q13l

■ 'Special work arrangements' examples:

- Arrangements in relation to the type of work: possibility to do lighter work, sedentary work, indoor work, indoor work, etc.
- Teleworking (for instance someone with leg paralysis can work at home thanks to a special computer connection).

Variable 211-212: LIMREAS

Filter: Q13k = between 1 and 2

Q13l Is there any other reason apart from any health condition/disease or activity difficulty that restricts the work you can do?

- 1 Yes – go to Q13m
- 2 No – go to core LFS variable

Filter: Q13c = 3 or Q13l = 1

Q13m What is the main reason that you are restricted in the work you can do?

- 1 Lack of qualifications/experience
- 2 Lack of appropriate job opportunities
- 3 Lack or poor transportation to and from workplace
- 4 Employers' lack of flexibility
- 5 Affects receipt of benefits
- 6 Family/caring responsibilities
- 7 Personal reasons
- 8 Other reasons

■ Limitation in work includes limitation in any of the following: number of hours, type of work, getting to and from work.

■ Code 3 in Q13o: Cost of transportation should not be included since it is an accessibility related item. For this answer; code 08 'other reason' should be used.

4. Transcoding between national questionnaire and EC Regulation options

The following is a table of the transcoding which is planned to be applied on the national questionnaire.

Variable name	National questionnaire equivalent
HEALTHMA and HEALTHSE	
1	Q13a = 1
2	Q13a = 2
3	Q13a = 3
4	Q13a = 4
5	Q13a = 5
6	Q13a = 6
7	Q13a = 7
8	Q13a = 8
9	Q13a = 9
10	Q13a = 10
11	Q13a = 11
12	Q13a = 12
13	Q13a = 13
14	Q13a = 14
15	Q13a = 15
16	Q13a = 16
17	Q13a = 17
18	Q13a = 19 (for HEALTHMA)/ Q13a = 18 (for HEALTHSE)
DIFFICMA and DIFFICSE	
1	Q13b = 1
2	Q13b = 2
3	Q13b = 3
4	Q13b = 4

5	Q13b = 5
6	Q13b = 6
7	Q13b = 7
8	Q13b = 8
9	Q13b = 9
10	Q13b = 10
11	Q13b = 12 (for DIFFICMA)/ Q13b = 11 (for DIFFICSE)
LIMHOURS	
1	Q13c = 1 and Q13d = 1
2	Q13c = 1 and Q13d = 2
3	Q13c = 1 and Q13d = 3
4	Q13c = 2
LIMTYPEW	
1	Q13e = 1 and Q13f = 1
2	Q13e = 1 and Q13f = 2
3	Q13e = 1 and Q13f = 3
4	Q13e = 2
LIMTRANS	
1	Q13g = 1 and Q13h = 1
2	Q13g = 1 and Q13h = 2
3	Q13g = 1 and Q13h = 3
4	Q13g = 2
NEEDHELP	
1	Q13i = 1
2	Q13i = 2
NEEDADAP	
1	Q13j = 1
2	Q13j = 2
NEEDORGA	
1	Q13k = 1
2	Q13k = 2
LIMREAS	

1	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 1 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 1
2	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 2 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 2
3	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 3 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 3
4	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 4 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 4
5	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 5 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 5
6	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 6 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 6
7	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 7 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 7
8	Q13c = 3 and Q13m = 8 / Q13l = 1 and Q13m = 8
9	Q13l = 2

5. Conclusion

In the coming weeks this Office intends to take on board any feedback which will be received by Eurostat in order to have a finalized version of the questionnaire which will subsequently be implemented during 2011.

