

2023 Early School Leavers survey questionnaire

Intro

Next Step is a follow up on Queensland students who left or changed school during grades 10, 11 or 12. It aims to understand the reasons why you left or changed school and to gain insight into what you are doing now, such as work or study.

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These questions should only take 5 minutes of your time. Your responses will help improve educational programs and support for senior students.

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Q. 1 Are you currently studying Year 10, 11 or 12 at a school?

(Yes	1
No.....	2
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q1=1) → Q1a
ELSE → Q2

Q. 1a Where are you currently studying?

(State school or TAFE.....	1
Catholic school.....	2
Independent school.....	3
Other (please specify).....	4
Don't know	98
Refused).....	99

Q. 1b Why did you change schools?

Maximum of five options.

(New school has better subject offerings/study programs.....	1
New school has access to better resources.....	2
New school can better support my disability needs	3
New school can better support my health/personal needs	4
Previous school only goes to Year 10.....	5
Did not like the teaching staff at previous school	6
Did not like the way previous school was managed	7
Behaviour of other students disrupted my study (excluding bullying)	8
Bullying at previous school	9
Asked to leave by previous school	10
Moved away/to a new area	11
Religious or cultural reasons	12
Parents made me change school	13
Other (please specify).....	97
Don't know	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q1b > one response) → Q1c
ELSE → END SURVEY



Q. 1c Of these reasons, which had the greatest influence?

(Please specify from answers chosen above.....	1
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

END SURVEY**Q. 2** Why did you leave your previous school?**Maximum of five options.**

(To get a job/apprenticeship.....	1
Did not like school.....	2
Did not like the teaching staff.....	3
Did not like the way the school was managed.....	4
Study options did not meet my needs.....	5
Difficult academically.....	6
Behaviour of other students disrupted my study (excluding bullying).....	7
Asked to leave by school.....	8
Disability.....	9
Health reasons.....	10
Moved away/to a new area.....	11
Felt I would have access to better resources.....	12
Pregnancy.....	13
Family commitments – parenting own child.....	14
Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child.....	15
Parents made me leave school.....	17
Bullying.....	20
Completed requirements for Year 12/gained 20 QCE points.....	21
Other (please specify).....	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q2 > one response) → Q3
ELSE → Q4

Q. 3 Of these reasons, which had the greatest influence?

(Please specify from answers chosen above.....	1
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99



Employment module

Q. 4	Do you currently have a paid job?	
	(Yes.....)	1
	No	2
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q4=1) → Q5
ELSE → Q10

Q. 5	What is your job?	
	(Please specify.....)	1
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 6	Are you currently undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship?	
	(Yes - apprenticeship	1
	Yes - traineeship	2
	No	3
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 7	What industry do you work in?	
	(Please specify.....)	1
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q6=1 OR Q6=2) → Q9

Q. 8	Is your job a casual job?	
	(Yes	1
	No	2
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 9	How many hours do you usually work each week?	
	(Please specify.....)	1
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q6=1 OR Q6=2) → 16
ELSE → Q15

Q. 10	Have you had a paid job since leaving school?	
	(Yes	1
	No.....	2
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99



If (Q10=1) → Q11
 ELSE → Q12

Q. 11	What was the main reason you stopped working in your last job?	
	(Was only a temporary/seasonal job	1
	Employer went out of business.....	2
	I turned 18 – younger workers are cheaper.....	3
	Got laid off/sacked.....	4
	Not satisfied with the job.....	5
	Moved to another location	6
	Transport difficulties	7
	Not enough work/unsuitable hours	8
	Health reasons	9
	Travel/overseas.....	10
	Study commitments.....	11
	Pregnancy	12
	Family commitments – parenting own child.....	13
	Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child	14
	Other (please specify)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Q. 12	Are you currently looking for a paid job?	
	Looking for full-time work (35 hours or more per week)	1
	Looking for part-time work (less than 35 hours per week).....	2
	Not looking for work.....	3
	(Don't know	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q12=1 OR Q12=2) → Q13
 If (Q12=3) → Q14
 ELSE → Q15

Q. 13	What is the main reason you have not been able to find a job?	
	(Not enough or appropriate skills or training.....	1
	Not enough or appropriate qualifications	2
	Not enough job experience.....	3
	I turned 18 – younger workers are cheaper.....	4
	Not enough jobs available	5
	Hours are not suitable	6
	Transport difficulties	7
	Health reasons	8
	Family commitments	9
	Disability.....	10
	Study commitments.....	11
	Only just started looking for job	12
	Not trying very hard	13
	Recent or future relocation/travel	14
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

GOTO → Q15



Q. 14	What is the main reason you are currently not looking for work?	
	(Current study commitments	1
	Future study commitments	2
	No financial need to undertake paid work.....	3
	Travel	4
	Disability.....	5
	Health reasons	6
	Don't want to work	7
	Accepted a job that will start at a later date	8
	Don't feel ready for paid work.....	9
	Transport difficulties	10
	Sports commitments.....	11
	Student exchange	12
	Have been unsuccessful finding a job	13
	Pregnancy (SHOW: FEMALE ONLY).....	14
	Family commitments – parenting own child.....	15
	Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child	16
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

Study module

Q. 15	Are you currently studying?	
	(Yes – full-time	1
	Yes – part-time	2
	No – not studying	3
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q15 > 2) → Q21
ELSE → Q17

Q. 16	You said earlier that you were doing an apprenticeship/traineeship. Are you currently undertaking the study component?	
	(Yes – doing course now	1
	Yes – study not started yet.....	2
	Yes – study component completed	3
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

If (Q16>3) → END SURVEY
ELSE → Q17



Q. 17 What is the level of the course or program that you are studying?

(Bachelor Degree	6
Associate Degree	7
Advanced Diploma	8
Diploma	9
VET Certificate IV	10
VET Certificate III	11
VET Certificate II	12
VET Certificate I	13
VET Certificate – level not known	14
Year 12	15
Year 11	16
Year 10	17
No formal qualification (including certificate of completion)	18
Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
Don't know	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q17=15 OR Q17=16 OR Q17=17) → Q19

ELSE → Q18

Q. 18 What is the name of the course or program you are enrolled in?

(Provides course/program name (please specify)	1
Don't know	98
Refused).....	99

Q. 19 What kind of institution are you studying at?

University.....	1
TAFE	2
Private Training College	3
Agricultural College	4
Adult and Community Education provider	5
Training provided at work	6
Armed Forces.....	7
Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
(Don't know	98
Refused).....	99

If (Q19=1) → Q20a

If (Q19=2) → Q20b

If (Q19=4) → END SURVEY

ELSE → Q20c

Q. 20a What is the name of the university you are enrolled in?

(Australian Catholic University.....	1
Bond University	2
Central Queensland University.....	3
Griffith University	4
James Cook University.....	5
Queensland University of Technology	6
The University of Queensland	7
University of Southern Queensland.....	8
University of the Sunshine Coast	9
Southern Cross University.....	10
Interstate University.....	11
Other university (Please specify).....	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused).....	99

END SURVEY



Q. 20b	What is the name of the TAFE you are enrolled in?	
	(Central Queensland University (TAFE program).....	3
	TAFE Queensland Darling Downs and South West	21
	TAFE Queensland Far North Queensland.....	22
	TAFE Queensland Gold Coast.....	23
	TAFE Queensland Greater Brisbane.....	24
	TAFE Queensland North Queensland.....	25
	TAFE Queensland Skills Tech.....	26
	TAFE Queensland Sunshine Coast.....	27
	TAFE Queensland Wide Bay Burnett	28
	Interstate TAFE	39
	Other TAFE (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

Q. 20c	What is the name of the institution you are, or will be, enrolled in?	
	(All Trades Queensland.....	41
	Aurora Training Institute	42
	Australian Dance Performance Institute	43
	Axial Training.....	44
	Axiom College	45
	Blue Dog Training.....	46
	Brisbane School of Hairdressing	47
	Designer Life	48
	French Beauty Academy	49
	JMC Academy	50
	McDonald's.....	51
	MEGT.....	52
	Motor Trades Association.....	53
	MRAEL - Australian Trade Training College.....	54
	New York Film Academy	55
	Open Colleges.....	56
	Prestige Service Training	57
	SAE (Qantm College).....	58
	Strategix Training Group	59
	Training & Assessment Mentor	60
	Armed Forces.....	71
	Secondary school.....	72
	Other Private Training College (QGSO use only).....	77
	Other institution (please specify)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

END SURVEY



Q. 21	Can you tell me the main reasons why you are not studying?	
	(Wanted a break from study (e.g. to travel)	1
	Undecided and considering options	2
	Don't feel ready for study at the moment	3
	Not interested in further study/already finished studying	4
	Working in order to finance further study.....	5
	Waiting for course/training to begin	6
	Work commitments.....	7
	Find the course fees and other costs are a barrier	8
	Would have to move away from home	9
	Don't meet the entry criteria for the program I want to do.....	10
	Wanted to earn own money.....	11
	Looking for work/apprenticeship/traineeship	12
	Going into, or already in, armed services	13
	Working to qualify for the independent Youth Allowance	14
	Disability.....	15
	Health reasons	16
	Sports commitments.....	17
	Pregnancy	18
	Family commitments – parenting own child.....	19
	Family commitments – excluding pregnancy/parenting own child	20
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	97
	Don't know.....	98
	Refused).....	99

END SURVEY

