

# **APPENDIX C**

## **NSCG Questionnaire Changes**

## 2010 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Added (2010 question number)

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- Module questions rotated in from the past surveys for both old and new cohort sample:

**A8. Although you were working during the week of October 1, 2010, had you previously retired from any position?**

*Examples of retirement include mandatory retirement, early retirement or voluntary retirement.*

- (1) Yes    Year Retired → \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) No

**A12. Did your principal employer come into being as a new business within the past 5 years?**

- (1) Yes  
(2) No

**A28. Thinking about your principal job held during the week of October 1, please rate your satisfaction with that job's....**

*Mark Very Satisfied, Somewhat Satisfied, Somewhat Dissatisfied, or Very Dissatisfied for each item.*

- (1) Salary?  
(2) Benefits?  
(3) Job security?  
(4) Job location?  
(5) Opportunities for advancement?  
(6) Intellectual challenge?  
(7) Level of responsibility?  
(8) Degree of independence?  
(9) Contribution to society?

**A35. Concerning your principal job during the week of October 10, 2010, were any of the following benefits available to you, even if you chose not to take them?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- (1) Health insurance that was at least partially paid by your employer?  
(2) A pension plan or a retirement plan to which your employer contributed?  
(3) A profit-sharing plan?

(4) Paid vacation, sick, or personal days?

**A37. Which Federal agencies or departments were supporting your work?**

- (1) Dept. of Defense (DOD)
- (2) Dept. of Education
- (3) Department of Energy (DOE)
- (4) National Institute of Health (NIH)
- (5) Dept. of Health and Human Services (except NIH)
- (6) National Science Foundation (NSF)
- (7) Other – Specify → \_
- (8) Don't Know Source Agency

**C4. During the past 12 month, did you attend any professional society or association meetings or professional conferences?**

*Include regional, national or international meetings.*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

**C5. To how many regional, national, or international professional societies or associations do you currently belong?**

Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If none, enter "0")

**C6. When thinking about a job, how important is each of the following factors to you?**

*Mark Very Important, Somewhat Important, Somewhat Unimportant, or Not Important at all for each item.*

- (1) Salary
- (2) Benefits
- (3) Job security
- (4) Job location
- (5) Opportunities for advancement
- (6) Intellectual challenge
- (7) Level of responsibility
- (8) Degree of independence
- (9) Contribution to society

**D9. During the week of October 1, 2010, were you enrolled in or taking courses at a college or university?**

- (1) Yes

(2) No

**D10. (If yes) Were you taking courses or enrolled as...**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) A full-time student in a degree program
- (2) A part-time student in a degree program
- (3) Not enrolled in a degree program, but taking courses

**D11. Toward what degree were you working?**

*If you were working toward more than one degree, mark the level for the highest degree.*

*Mark one answer.*

- (0) No specific degree
- (1) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- (2) Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- (3) Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)
- (4) Other professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM) - Specify type →
- (5) Other - Specify type →

**D12. What was the primary field of study for this degree?**

Primary Field of Study

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**D13. Using the FIELD OF STUDY list on pages 17-18, choose the code that best describes the field of study for this degree.**

CODE \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

Note: Field of study codes range from 601-995

**D14. For which of the following reasons were you taking course or enrolled?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- (1) To gain further education before beginning a career
- (2) To prepare for graduate school or further education
- (3) To change your academic or occupational field
- (4) To gain further skills or knowledge in your academic or occupation field
- (5) For licensure or certification
- (6) To increase opportunities for promotion, advancement, or higher salary
- (7) Required or expected by employer
- (8) For leisure or personal interest
- (9) Other – Specify →

**D15. Were any of your school related costs for taking courses paid for by an employer?**

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

- New category in the core disability question for both old and new cohort sample:

**E24. What is the USUAL degree of difficulty you have with...**

*Mark None, Slight, Moderate, Severe, or Unable to do*

- (5) CONCENTRATION, REMEMBERING or MAKING DECISIONS because of a physical, mental or emotional condition

- Module questions rotated in from the past surveys for the new cohort sample only:

**E11. (If a Temporary U.S. Resident Visa Holder) On October 1, 2010, did you hold a visa issued...**

Mark one answer.

- (1) For temporary work (e.g. H-1B, L-1A, L-1B, etc.)
- (2) For study or training (e.g., F-1, J-1, H-3, etc.)
- (3) To you as the dependent of another person (e.g., F-2, H-4, J-2, K-2, L-2, etc.)
- (4) For any other reason – Specify visa type →

**E13. In what year did you first come to the United States for six months or longer?**

Year \_\_\_\_\_

**E14. What kind of visa did you hold when you first came to the United States for six months or longer?**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) Permanent U.S. Resident Visa (Green Card)
- (2) Temporary U.S. Resident Visa for temporary work (e.g. H-1B, L-1A, L-1B, etc.)
- (3) Temporary U.S. Resident Visa for study or training (e.g., F-1, J-1, H-3, etc.)
- (4) Temporary U.S. Resident Visa for as the dependent of another person (e.g., F-2, H-4, J-2, K-2, L-2, etc.)
- (5) Other Temporary U.S. Resident Visa – Specify visa type →

**E15. Which factors were important in your decision to first come to the United States for six months or longer?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- (1) Family-related reasons
- (2) Educational opportunities in the United States

- (3) Job or economic opportunities
- (4) Scientific or professional infrastructure in my field
- (5) Other – Specify →

**E16. Which two factors in question D15 were the most important reasons in your decision to come to the United States?**

*Enter number of appropriate reason from question E15 above.*

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Most important reason
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Second most important reason  
(Enter '0' if no second reason)

**E17. Are you a citizen of more than one country?**

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

- Baseline Survey Questions for New Cohort Sample Only:

**D1. In what year did you receive your high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate?**

Year → \_\_\_\_\_

0  DID NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

**D2. In what U.S. state, U.S., territory or foreign country did you last attend high school?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE/TERRITORY

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
FOREIGN COUNTRY

**D3. Have you ever taken courses at a community college?**

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

**D4. Do you have an associate's degree?**

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

**D5. (If Yes) From which academic institution did you receive your associate's degree?**

College or University Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Department

\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town

\_\_\_\_\_

State/Foreign Country

\_\_\_\_\_

**D6. Do you have a degree at the bachelor's level or higher?**

(1) Yes

(2) No

**D7. (If Yes) How many degrees did you receive at the bachelor's level or higher prior to October 1, 2010?**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

**D8. The next few questions ask about the degrees you received before October 1, 2010. Starting with your most recent college or university degree, please provide the following information for each degree you have at the bachelor's level or higher.**

*If you have more than three degrees, report your two most recent degrees and your first bachelor's degree.*

**a. From which school did you receive your most recent degree?**

College or University Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Department

\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town

\_\_\_\_\_

State/Foreign Country

\_\_\_\_\_

**b. In what month and year was this degree awarded?**

Month \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

**c. What type of degree did you receive?**

Mark one answer.

- (1) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- (2) Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- (3) Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)
- (4) Other professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM) - Specify type →
- (5) Other - Specify type →

**d. What is the major field of study and second major (if any) for this degree?**

Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Second Major \_\_\_\_\_

**e. Using the FIELD OF STUDY list on pages 17-18, choose the code that best describes the major field of study and second major (if any) for this degree.**

Code for Major Field of Study

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Code for Second Major

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*Note: Field of study codes range from 601-995*

**E6. What is the highest level of education completed by your parents or guardians?**

*Mark one item for each parent or guardian.*

**Mother or female guardian**

- (1) Less than high school completed
- (2) High school diploma or equivalent
- (3) Some college, vocational, or trade school (including 2-year degrees)
- (4) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- (5) Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- (6) Professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM)
- (7) Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)
- (8) Not applicable

**Father or male guardian**

- (1) Less than high school completed
- (2) High school diploma or equivalent
- (3) Some college, vocational, or trade school (including 2-year degrees)
- (4) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- (5) Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- (6) Professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM)
- (7) Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)
- (8) Not applicable

**E10.** *(If non-U.S. citizen with a permanent U.S. Resident Visa)*

Obtained Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**E11.** *(If a Temporary U.S. Resident Visa Holder)*

**On October 1, 2010, did you hold a visa issued...**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) For temporary work (e.g., H-1B, L-1A, L-1B, etc.)
- (2) For study or training (e.g., F-1, J-1, H-3, etc.)
- (3) To you as the dependent of another person (e.g., F-2, H-4, J-2, K-2, L-2, etc.)
- (4) For any other reason – Specify visa type →

**E13. In what year did you first come to the United States for six months or longer?**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**E14. What kind of visa did you hold when you first came to the United States for six months or longer?**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) Permanent U.S. Resident Visa (Green Card)
- (2) Temporary U.S. Resident visa for temporary work (e.g., H-1B, L-1A, L-1B, etc.)
- (3) Temporary U.S. Resident visa for study or training (e.g., F-1, J-1, H-3, etc.)
- (4) Temporary U.S. Resident visa for as the dependent of another person (e.g., F-2, H-4, J-2, K-2, L-2, etc.)
- (4) Other Temporary U.S. Resident Visa - Specify visa type →

**E15. Which factors were important in your decision to first come to the United States for six months or longer?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- (1) Family-related reasons
- (2) Educational opportunities in the United States
- (3) Job or economic opportunities
- (4) Scientific or professional infrastructure in my field
- (5) Other – Specify →

**E16. Which two factors in question E15 were the most important reasons in your decision to first come to the United States?**

*Enter number of appropriate reason from question E15 above.*

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Most important reason
- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Second most important reason  
*(Enter "0" if no second reason)*

**E17. Are you a citizen of more than one country?**

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

**E18. In what U.S. state, U.S., territory or foreign country were you born?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE/TERRITORY

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
FOREIGN COUNTRY

**E19. Are you...**

- (1) Male
- (2) Female

### **2010 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Modified**

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- The response category, “Born abroad of American parent(s)” was changed to “Born abroad of U.S. citizen parent(s)” as used in the ACS questionnaire

**E9. (If U.S. citizen) Were you a U.S. citizen...**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) Born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory
- (2) Born abroad of U.S. citizen parent (s)
- (3) By naturalization

- The following question previously read: Of which foreign country are you a citizen?

**E12. (If Non-U.S. citizen) Of which country are you a citizen?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY

- Past baseline survey for the new cohort asked if the respondent was Hispanic or Latino, and the Hispanic or Latino respondents were asked about the type of Hispanic origin. These two questions were replaced by a single question used in the ACS questionnaire:

**E20. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

*Mark one answer.*

- (0) No, not of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
- (1) Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., or Chicano
- (2) Yes, Puerto Rican
- (3) Yes, Cuban
- (4) Yes, another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin – Specify →

- “What is your racial background?” question asked in the past baseline survey for the new cohort was changed to the question wording used in the ACS questionnaire.

**E21. What is your race?**

*Mark one or more.*

- (1) American Indian or Alaska Native – *Specify tribal affiliation(s)* →
- (2) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- (3) Asian
- (4) Black or African American
- (5) White

- The next change refers to an introductory sentence that precedes questions regarding disability. The sentence previously read as “The next several questions are designed to help us better understand the career paths of individuals with different physical abilities” was changed to following:

**E23. The next several questions are designed to help us better understand the career paths of individuals with specific functional limitations.**

- Previous survey collected respondent’s daytime and evening phone number. This item has been modified to include an additional “other phone number”, and for the respondent to specify if the number is a home, work or cell number.

**E27. In case we need to clarify some of the information you have provided, please list phone numbers and an email address where you can be reached.**

Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_                    
Area Code      Number      Home      Work      Cell

Evening Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_                    
Area Code      Number      Home      Work      Cell

Other Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number

□      □      □  
Home    Work    Cell

- For the following question, category 2 wording was changed from “A questionnaire that you could fill out in the World Wide Web” to following:

**E29. How would you like to complete future rounds of this survey?**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) A questionnaire sent in the mail
- (2) A web questionnaire on the Internet
- (3) A telephone interview
- (4) No preference

- Following changes were made to the Field of Study List based on the 2010 CIP.

Code 721 - label was changed to ‘Aerospace, aeronautical, astronautical/space engineering’ from ‘Aerospace, aeronautical, astronautical engineering’.

Code 734 - label was changed to ‘Materials engineering, including ceramic and textile sciences’ from ‘Materials engineering, including ceramics and textiles’.

- The four new computer occupation codes were added and two old codes were dropped in the Job Category List based on the 2010 SOC, which resulted in renumbering of computer occupation codes.

New occupations

Computer network architect

Information security analysts

Software developers - applications and systems software

Web developers

Old occupation

Network systems

**2010 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Dropped** (2008 Question Number)

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- A module set of questions on second jobs has been rotated out

**A32. During the week of October 1, 2008, were you working for pay (or profit) at a second job (or business), including part-time, evening, or weekend work?**

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

**A33. (If yes) What was the title of the second job you held during the week of October 1, 2008?**

*If you had more than two jobs that week, report the job where you worked the second most hours.*

*Example: Software salesperson*

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**A34. What kind of work were you doing on this job – that is, what were your duties and responsibilities on your second job? Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization.**

*Example: Sell software for personal computers*

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**A35. Using the JOB CATEGORY list on pages 11-12, choose the code that best describes the second job that you held during the week of October 1, 2008.**

CODE \_\_\_ \_\_ \_

**A36. To what extent was your work on your second job related to your highest degree? Was it...**

*Mark one answer.*

- (1) Closely related
- (2) Somewhat related
- (3) Not related

- A reason category “Chronic illness or disability” for not working was dropped in 2008 due to too few reported responses.

**A31. For which of the following reasons did you usually work fewer than 35 hours per week on the principal job you held during the week of October 1, 2008?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- (4) Chronic illness or disability