

Proposed changes to CPS questionnaire

A. Proposed CPS Certification/Licensure Questions

1. (Does/Do) (name/you) have a currently active professional certification or a state or industry license? Do not include business licenses, such as a liquor license or vending license.

Asked of everyone (months 1 and 5 of 8-month rotation)

(Read if necessary: A professional certification or license shows you are qualified to perform a specific job. Examples include a realtor license, a medical assistant certification, a Teacher's License, or an IT certification. Only include certifications or licenses obtained by an individual.)

YES
NO

2. Were any of (your/his/her) certifications or licenses issued by the federal, state, or local government?

Asked if answer to Question 1 is yes (months 1 and 5 of 8-month rotation)

YES
NO

3. Earlier you told me (you/name) had a currently active professional certification or a state or industry license. Is (your/his/her) certification or license required for (your/his/her) (job/main job/job from which [you/he/she] [are/is] on layoff/job at which [you/he/she] last worked)?

If answer to Question 1 is yes, asked of employed and experienced unemployed in months 1 and 5. Also asked of those who changed jobs in other months.

YES
NO

Do not have a currently active certification or license

(Note that there is a modification to the introductory wording of Question 3 when it is asked of those who changed jobs. In these cases, the question wording of the first sentence is as follows: "In a previous interview it was reported that (you/name) had a currently active professional certification or license.")

B. Current CPS Educational Attainment Questions

**Questions Proposed for Elimination are Highlighted in Yellow.
Questions not highlighted will be retained.**

1. EDUCA

What is the highest level of school (name/you) (have/has) completed or the highest degree (name/you) (have/has) received?

Less than 1st grade

1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade

5th or 6th grade

7th or 8th grade

9th grade

10th grade

11th grade

12th grade NO DIPLOMA

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE- high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (For example: GED)

Some college but no degree

Associate degree in college - Occupational/vocational program

Associate degree in college -- Academic program

Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, AB, BS)

Master's degree (For example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)

Professional School Degree (For example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)

Doctorate degree (For example: PhD, EdD)

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2. DIPGED

People can get a High School diploma in a variety of ways, such as graduating from High School or by getting a GED or other equivalent. How did (name/you) get (your/his/her) High School diploma?

Graduation from High School
GED or other equivalent

3. HGCOMP

What was the highest grade of regular school (name/you) completed before receiving (your/his/her) GED?

Less than 1st grade
1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade
5th or 6th grade
7th or 8th grade
9th grade
10th grade
11th grade
12th grade NO DIPLOMA

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4. CYC

(Including any time that may have been spent getting as Associate's Degree, /) (How/how) many years of college CREDIT (have/has) (name/you) completed? (Have / Has) (you/he/she) COMPLETED...

- Less than 1 year (include 0 years completed)?
- The first, or FRESHMAN year?
- The second, or SOPHOMORE year?
- The third, or JUNIOR year?
- Four or more years?

5. GRPROF

Since completing (your/his/her) Bachelor's degree (have/has) (name/you) ever taken any GRADUATE or PROFESSIONAL school courses for credit?

- Yes
- No

6. GR6COR

Did (name/you) complete SIX or MORE graduate or professional school courses?

- Yes
- No

7. MS123

Was (name's/your) Master's Degree program a 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year program?

- 1-year program
- 2-year program
- 3-year program (or longer)