

CHEC 2010 Tracer Study

Questionnaire

SECTION 1: AT HIGH SCHOOL

Core questions (all respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)
<p>Q1.1: Where did you <u>mostly</u> live while attending high school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In South Africa → Q1.1.1 – 3 = 1 Elsewhere in Africa = 2 Elsewhere in the world = 3 	<p>Q1.1.1: In which province did you <u>mostly</u> live while attending high school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Cape = 1 Free state = 2 Gauteng = 3 KwaZulu Natal = 4 Limpopo = 5 Mpumalanga = 6 Northern Cape = 7 Northwest = 8 Western Cape = 9 	
	<p>Q1.1.2: What type of high school did you <u>mostly</u> attend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public = 1 Private / independent = 2 	
	<p>Q1.1.3: In what type of area was your high school located?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a suburb of a town or city = 1 In a township or informal settlement of a town or city = 2 In a village or on a farm in a rural area = 3 	

SECTION 2: AT UNIVERSITY

Core questions (all respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)
<p>Q2.1: While studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010, were you <u>mostly</u> a fulltime or part time (correspondence, distance or afterhours) student?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulltime → Q2.1.1 – 3 = 1 Part time = 2 	<p>Q2.1.1: While studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010, did you participate in any additional activities beyond the requirements of your degree? (for example, faculty societies, cultural, sport or student organisation activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes → Q2.1.1.1 = 1 No = 2 	<p>Q2.1.1.1: Which activities on campus did you participate in? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty/academic societies (e.g., Geog., Psych, etc.) = (a) 1 Sports teams = (b) 1 Cultural organisations = (c) 1 Religious organisations = (d) 1 Student governance (e.g., SRC and sub-committees) = (e) 1 Residence committees = (f) 1 Tutor/teaching assistant = (g) 1 Research/laboratory assistant = (h) 1 Other = (i) 1 (specify...)
	<p>Q2.1.2: While studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010, did you receive any form of career guidance from your university?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes → Q2.1.2.1 = 1 No = 2 I am not sure = 3 	<p>Q2.1.2.1: Which forms of career guidance did you receive from your university? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aptitude tests = (a) 1 Personal discussions with a lecturer = (b) 1 Personal discussions with a career counsellor = (c) 1 Visits to career expos = (d) 1 Visits to or talks by private companies (potential employers) = (e) 1 Work experience with private companies = (f) 1 Information on further studies = (g) 1 Other = (h) 1 (specify...)
	<p>Q2.1.3: While studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010, did you undertake any internships or work placements that were <u>part of the requirements of your course</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes → Q2.1.3.1 = 1 No = 2 	<p>Q2.1.3.1: For approximately how many months did you undertake your internship or work placement?</p>
<p>Q2.2: Did you or your parent/guardian work for the university from which you obtained your qualification in 2010 enabling you to study for free or at a significant discount?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes = 1 No → Q2.2.1 = 2 	<p>Q2.2.1: What means did you use to pay for the <u>registration, tuition and book fees</u> for the qualification you obtained in 2010? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My own funds = (a) 1 Funds or loans from my parents/guardians = (b) 1 Funds or loans from other family members or acquaintances = (c) 1 Funds or loans from my employer = (d) 1 NSFAS bursary/loan = (e) 1 NRF bursary = (f) 1 A bursary or scholarship from my university = (g) 1 A private bursary or scholarship = (h) 1 A bank loan = (i) 1 Other = (j) 1 (specify...) 	

Core questions (all respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)
<p>Q2.3: In which field did you graduate in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, engineering and technology = 1 • Business and commerce = 2 • Human and social sciences (including performing and fine arts) = 3 • Health sciences = 4 • Law = 5 • Education = 6 • Other = 7 (specify...) 		
<p>Q2.4: Did you obtain a master's or doctoral qualification in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes → Q2.4.1 – 2 = 1 • No = 2 	<p>Q2.4.1: What type of qualification did you obtain in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A master's degree by coursework and research = 1 • A master's degree by research only = 2 • A doctoral degree = 3 	
	<p>Q2.4.2: Why did you choose to do the master's/doctoral qualification you obtained in 2010? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For personal fulfilment = (a) 1 • To improve my chances of getting a job as I have yet to find one = (b) 1 • To enable me to do my current job better = (c) 1 • To enable me to make more money or get promoted in my current job = (d) 1 • To enable me to get a better or higher paying job in the same field = (e) 1 • To enable me to change careers to a different field = (f) 1 • To enable me to become a researcher or an academic = (g) 1 • Other = (h) 1 (specify...) 	
<p>Q2.5: By which month in 2010 did you <u>complete</u> your studies (i.e., passed <u>all</u> your exams)?</p>		

SECTION 3: BACKGROUND, EMPLOYMENT AND RELEVANCE OF QUALIFICATION

Core questions (all respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)
<p>Q3.1: What was the highest level of education that each of your parents/guardians had completed as on the 1st of September 2012?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University postgraduate degree = 1 • University undergraduate degree = 2 • Technikon/university of technology degree = 3 • University certificate or diploma = 4 • Technikon/university of technology certificate or diploma = 5 • Technical college certificate, trade certificate or similar certificate = 6 • Matric/Grade 12 = 7 • Some formal schooling = 8 • No formal schooling = 9 • I am not sure = 10 • N/A – This parent/guardian was deceased at the time = 11 		
<p>Q3.2: Do you have any siblings (alive or deceased)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes → Q3.2.1 = 1 • No = 2 	<p>Q3.2.1: Did any of your siblings obtain a degree, diploma or certificate from a higher education institution prior to or in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 1 • No = 2 • I am not sure = 3 	
<p>Q3.3: What was your employment status just <u>before</u> you started studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A – I was still in school = 1 • N/A – I was studying fulltime, not working and not looking for work at all = 2 • Employed (part- or full-time) in the private sector (e.g., in a business or company, etc.) → Q3.3.1 – 4 = 3 • Self-employed in the private sector (you are a registered business in terms of tax) → Q3.3.1 – 4 = 4 • Employed (part- or full-time) in the public sector (e.g., in a government department, university, science council, public school or public health centre) → Q3.3.1 – 4 = 5 • Employed in the informal sector (e.g., you are an unregistered informal trader, maker or seller of goods and services) = 6 • Unemployed and looking for work = 7 • Unemployed, but not looking for work (e.g., “gap-year”, caregiver, homemaker; stay-at-home parent, etc.) = 8 	<p>Q3.3.1: When did you start the job you had just <u>before</u> you started studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010?</p>	

	<p>Q3.3.2: On the <u>1st of September 2012</u>, did you still have the same job you had just <u>before</u> you started studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 1 • No → Q3.3.2.1 = 2 	<p>Q3.3.2.1: When did you <u>end</u> the job you had just <u>before</u> you started studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010?</p>
	<p>Q3.3.3: On what basis were you employed in the job you had just <u>before</u> you started studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent = 1 • Contractual/temporary = 2 	
	<p>Q3.3.4: Were you employed fulltime or part time in the job you had just <u>before</u> you started studying towards the qualification you obtained in 2010?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulltime (40 hours per week) = 1 • Part time (less than 40 hours per week) = 2 	
<p>Q3.4: What was your employment status on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A – I am studying fulltime, not working and not looking for work at all = 1 • Employed (part- or full-time) in the private sector (e.g., in a business or company, etc.) → Q3.4.1 – 6 & Q3.4.10 – 11 = 2 • Self-employed in the private sector (you are a registered business in terms of tax) → Q3.4.1 – 3 & Q3.4.7 – 10 = 3 • Employed (part- or full-time) in the public sector (e.g., in a government department, university, science council, public school or public health centre) → Q3.4.1 – 6 & Q3.4.10 – 11 = 4 • Employed in the informal sector (e.g., you are an unregistered informal trader, maker or seller of goods and services) → Q3.4.1 = 5 • Unemployed and looking for work → Q3.4.12 – 13 = 6 • Unemployed, but not looking for work (e.g., “gap-year”, caregiver, homemaker; stay-at-home parent, etc.) = 7 	<p>Q3.4.1: When did you start the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <p>[If three months or more difference from the month of graduation in 2010 → Q3.4.1.1]</p>	<p>Q3.4.1.1: What was your employment status <u>mostly</u> between graduating and starting the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A – I was studying fulltime, not working and not looking for work at all = 1 • Employed (part- or full-time) in the private sector (e.g., in a registered tax-paying business, company or institution) ↓ Q3.4.1.1.1 = 2 • Self-employed in the private sector (you are registered for tax-purposes) ↓ Q3.4.1.1.1 = 3 • Employed (part- or full-time) in the public sector (e.g., in a government department, university, science council, public school or public health centre) ↓ Q3.4.1.1.1 = 4 • Employed in the informal sector (e.g., you are an unregistered informal trader, maker or seller of goods and services) ↓ Q3.4.1.1.1 = 5 • Unemployed and looking for work = 6 • Unemployed, but not looking for work (e.g., “gap-year”, caregiver, homemaker; stay-at-home parent, etc.) = 7 • N/A - The job I had on the 1st of September I started soon after studying = 8
		<p>Q3.4.1.1.1: How many different jobs did you have between graduating and starting the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p>

	<p>Q3.4.2: In which sector did you work in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>? → Q3.4.2.1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing = 1 2. Mining and quarrying = 2 3. Manufacturing = 3 4. Electricity, gas and water supply = 4 5. Construction (including building and design) = 5 6. Wholesale and retail trade (including sale of products, tourism, hotels and restaurants, vehicle repairs) = 6 7. Transport, storage and communication, tele-communications = 7 8. Finance, insurance, real estate, information technology, and business services (which includes legal, accounting, bookkeeping, auditing; tax consultancy; business and management consultancy) = 8 9. Community, social and personal services, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and social work = 9 ○ Education and research = 10 ○ Government and municipalities = 11 ○ NGOs = 12 ○ Entertainment, arts and culture, sport and the media = 13 	<p>Q3.4.2.1: Did you work as a scientist or researcher in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2010</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes → Q3.4.2.2 = 1 • No = 2 <p>Q3.4.2.2: In what type of institution did you work in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A university ↓ Q3.4.2.2.1 = 1 • A science/research council ↓ Q3.4.2.2.1 = 2 • A research and development NGO ↓ Q3.4.2.2.1 = 3 • A research and development unit in a government department ↓ Q3.4.2.2.1 = 4 • None of the above = 5 <p>Q3.4.2.2.1: What type of position did you have in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic, scientist or (research) professional = 1 • Other = 2
	<p>Q3.4.3: What was your occupation in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary worker = 1 • Plant or machinery operator and assembler = 2 • Craft or related trade worker = 3 • Skilled agricultural or fishery worker = 4 • Service worker or shop and sales worker = 5 • Clerk = 6 • Technician or associated professional = 7 • Professional = 8 • Legislator, senior official or manager = 9 • Armed forces = 10 	
	<p>Q3.4.4: On what basis were you employed in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent = 1 • Contractual/temporary = 2 	

	<p>Q3.4.5: Were you employed fulltime or part time in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulltime (40 hours per week) = 1 • Part time (less than 40 hours per week) = 2 	
	<p>Q3.4.6: What was the primary method of finding the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A holiday job or internship gave me access to this job = 1 • Through help of a lecturer = 2 • Through my university's career office = 3 • I initially offered to work for free = 4 • I had to work off a bursary I got from my employer = 5 • I simply sent in my CV or asked for a job = 6 • I responded to a job ad in the printed media = 7 • I responded to a job ad on an employment website = 8 • I responded to a job ad on a company website = 9 • I responded to a job ad in the Government Gazette = 10 • I placed ads or flyers advertising my services on notice boards or in post-boxes = 11 • I walked from door-to-door asking for work = 12 • Through one of the Department of Labour's employment centres = 13 • Through a recruitment agency or labour broker = 14 • Through family or friends = 15 • Through a social network (e.g., Facebook, Linked-In, etc.) = 16 • I was headhunted or asked to apply for the job = 17 • N/A – I was promoted internally to this position = 18 	
	<p>Q3.4.7: What was the main reason for you being self-employed in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I preferred to be my own boss or have my own business, company or practice = 1 • I took over a family business = 2 • I wanted to work from home = 3 • I could make more money = 4 • I lost my job = 5 • I could not find a job = 6 • Other = 7 (specify...) 	

	<p>Q3.4.8: What kind of work did you do when you were self-employed in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I produced goods and services to multiple clients = 1 • I worked as a sub-contractor producing goods and services for a limited number of clients = 2 • I sold goods and services produced by other companies = 3 • I provided knowledge services as a consultant working on my own = 4 • Other = 5 (specify...) 	
	<p>Q3.4.9: In the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>, how many people did you employ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – 5 = 1 • 6 – 10 = 2 • 11 – 15 = 3 • 16 – 20 = 4 • 21 or more = 5 	
	<p>Q3.4.10: On a scale of 1 to 5, with “1” being “not at all” and “5” being “to a large extent”, to what extent...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the job that you did on the <u>1st of September 2012</u> related to the field in which you did your 2010 qualification? = (a) 1-5 • Were you able to <u>apply</u> what you learnt in your 2010 qualification in the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>? = (b) 1-5 • Were you <u>satisfied</u> with your 2010 qualification in relation to the job you had on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>? = (c) 1-5 	
	<p>Q3.4.11: Did your 2010 qualification lead to any of the following? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A promotion to a higher rank, position or level = (a) 1 • A pay increase = (b) 1 • Increased benefits = (c) 1 • Increased tasks and responsibilities = (d) 1 • Other = (e) 1 (specify...) • None of the above = (f) 1 	
	<p>Q3.4.12: Since when have you been looking for work given your current unemployment situation?</p>	

	<p>Q3.4.13: How did you look for work? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I approached a lecturer = (a) 1 • I approached my university's career office = (b) 1 • I have offered to work for free = (c) 1 • I sent my CV or asked for jobs directly = (d) 1 • I responded to job ads in the printed media = (e) 1 • I responded to job ads on employment websites = (f) 1 • I responded to job ads on company websites = (g) 1 • I responded to job ads in the Government Gazette = (h) 1 • I placed ads or flyers advertising my services on notice boards or in post-boxes = (i) 1 • I walked from door-to-door asking for work = (j) 1 • I approached one of the Department of Labour's employment centres = (k) 1 • I approached recruitment agencies or labour brokers = (l) 1 • I approached family or friends personally = (m) 1 • I used social networks (e.g., Facebook, Linked-In, etc.) = (n) 1 • Other = (o) 1 (specify...) 	
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SECTION 4: CURRENT STUDIES

Core questions (all respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)
<p>Q4.1: Were you registered for and studying towards another qualification at a university on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes → Q4.1.1 – 6 = 1 • No → Q4.1.4 = 2 	<p>Q4.1.1: Were you registered at a South African or foreign university on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South African = 1 • Foreign = 2 	
	<p>Q4.1.2: What qualification were you registered for on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional studies (not for degree purposes) = 1 • A certificate or diploma = 2 • A bachelor's degree = 3 • An honours degree = 4 • A master's degree = 5 • A doctoral degree = 6 	
	<p>Q4.1.3: In which field were you studying on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, engineering and technology = 1 • Business and commerce = 2 • Human and social sciences (including performing and fine arts) = 3 • Health sciences = 4 • Law = 5 • Education = 6 • Other = 7 (specify...) 	
	<p>Q4.1.4: Were you registered for another qualification at a university <u>between your graduation in 2010 and the 1st of September 2012</u> (apart from any qualification you may have been registered for on the 1st of September 2012)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes → Q4.1.4.1 – 4 = 1 • No = 2 	<p>Q4.1.4.1: Were you registered at a South African or foreign university <u>between your graduation in 2010 and the 1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South African = 1 • Foreign = 2
		<p>Q4.1.4.2: What qualification were you registered for <u>between your graduation in 2010 and the 1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional studies (not for degree purposes) = 1 • A certificate or diploma = 2 • A bachelor's degree = 3 • An honours degree = 4 • A master's degree = 5 • A doctoral degree = 6

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		<p>Q4.1.4.3: In which field were you studying <u>between</u> your graduation in 2010 and the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, engineering and technology = 1 • Business and commerce = 2 • Human and social sciences (including performing and fine arts) = 3 • Health sciences = 4 • Law = 5 • Education = 6 • Other = 7 (specify...)
		<p>Q4.1.4.4: Did you complete this qualification by the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 1 • No (I deregistered or discontinued this qualification) = 2
	<p>Q4.1.5: Why did you choose to study further after graduating in 2010? (Tick all options that are applicable to you)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For personal fulfilment = (a) 1 • To improve my chances of getting a job as I have yet to find one = (b) 1 • To enable me to do my current job better = (c) 1 • To enable me to make more money or get promoted in my current job = (d) 1 • To enable me to get a better or higher paying job in the same field = (e) 1 • To enable me to change careers to a different field = (f) 1 • To enable me to become a researcher or an academic = (g) 1 • Someone else wanted me to study further (e.g., a family member, boy-/girlfriend, etc.) = (h) 1 • Other = (i) 1 (specify...) 	
	<p>Q4.1.6: On a scale of 1 to 5, with "1" being "not at all" and "5" being "to a large extent", to what extent did your <u>2010</u> qualification <u>prepare</u> you for further studies?</p>	

SECTION 5: FUTURE PLANS

Core questions (all respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)	Filtered questions (selected respondents)
<p>Q5.1: Apart from any qualification you may currently be registered for; do you think you will study further in the near future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 1 • No = 2 • I am not sure = 3 		
<p>Q5.2: Where did you live on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In South Africa → Q5.2.1 – 2 = 1 • Elsewhere in Africa → Q5.2.1.1. = 2 • Elsewhere in the world → Q5.2.1.1. = 3 	<p>Q5.2.1: In which province did you live on the <u>1st of September 2012</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Cape → Q5.2.1.1 = 1 • Free state → Q5.2.1.1 = 2 • Gauteng → Q5.2.1.1 = 3 • KwaZulu Natal → Q5.2.1.1 = 4 • Limpopo → Q5.2.1.1 = 5 • Mpumalanga → Q5.2.1.1 = 6 • Northern Cape → Q5.2.1.1 = 7 • Northwest → Q5.2.1.1 = 8 • Western Cape → Q5.2.1.2 = 9 	<p>Q5.2.1.1: Do you think you will move to the Western Cape in the near future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 1 • No = 2 • I am not sure = 3
		<p>Q5.2.1.2: Do you think you will move from the Western Cape in the near future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 1 • No = 2 • I am not sure = 3
	<p>Q5.2.2: Do you think you will leave South Africa in the near future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – permanently → Q5.2.2.1 – 2 = 1 • Yes – temporarily (e.g., to gain overseas work experience) → Q5.2.2.1 = 2 • No = 3 • I am not sure = 4 	<p>Q5.2.2.1: Please indicate the continent/region to which you intend moving to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa = 1 • Latin America and the Caribbean = 2 • North America = 3 • Asia (eg India, China, Malaysia, Japan) = 4 • Europe (including the UK) = 5 • Oceania (eg Australia, New Zealand) = 6
		<p>Q5.2.2.2: Why do you want to leave South Africa permanently?</p>