

RESEARCH YOUR SCHOOL'S VOCATIONAL EDUCATION EFFECTIVENESS

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A school which wishes to do more than make an intelligent guess at how well it is preparing its pupils for their working lives, and the transition to work, may find many of the questions Carol Cameron asked a good basis for a postal questionnaire, or even Social Studies field work.

These questions were all prepared for school leavers who got jobs, not for those going on to further education, nor for the unemployed. Questions should be recast, new questions invented, especially questions which ask about local employment opportunities, and so on.

Some branching will be needed, e.g., 'If you are unemployed tick this box [] and go straight to question 30'. NZCER would be most interested to hear the results of any such surveys carried out.

YOU AND YOUR JOB

INSTRUCTIONS

Please answer the questions on the following pages:

EITHER by ticking [✓] the appropriate boxes
OR by writing in the spaces provided

Name _____
(surname) (first names)

1. What is your present job? (Give the sort of work you do and the type of business or industry you work in, as in the examples below.)

	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Employer</u>
Example	(1) Builder's labourer with	construction firm
	(2) Apprentice motor mechanic with	service station
	(3) Office clerk with	insurance company

My job is _____ with _____

2. Are you serving an apprenticeship or taking part in some other training programme for your work?

No, not at present []
Yes, apprenticeship training []
Yes, other training programme []
(please state) _____

3. Is this your first full-time job since leaving school?

Yes []
No []

4. Is this job your first choice - that is, is this the job you wanted to do most?

Yes []
No []

If not, please state your first choice

5. In which month did you begin your present job?

Before Nov.	[]
Nov.	[]
Dec.	[]
Jan.	[]
Feb.	[]
Mar.	[]
Apr.	[]

6. How many other jobs did you apply for before getting this one?

None	[]
One	[]
Two	[]
Three	[]
More than three	[]

7. When did you *first* apply for your *present* job?

While still at school	[]
Within a week after leaving school	[]
Between a week and a month after leaving	[]
More than a month after leaving	[]

8. How easy was it for you to get it?

Very easy - no problems at all	[]
Fairly easy	[]
Not too bad	[]
Fairly difficult	[]
Very difficult	[]

9. How did you get your present job?

Through	Father	[]
	Mother	[]
	Brother	[]
	Sister	[]
	Other Relation	[]
	Friend	[]
	Guidance Counsellor or Careers Adviser	[]
	Teacher	[]
	Advertisement	[]
	Vocational Guidance Centre	[]
	No one	[]
	Other (<i>please state</i>)	[]

10 How much help or training were you given when you *started* your present job?

A great deal	[]
Quite a lot	[]
A little	[]
Not very much	[]
None at all - learnt by myself	[]

11 How much help or training are you given on the job *now*?

A great deal	[]
Quite a lot	[]
A little	[]
Not very much	[]
None at all	[]

12 How difficult has the job itself been to learn?

Extremely difficult	[]
Very difficult	[]
Fairly difficult	[]
Not very difficult	[]
Not difficult at all	[]

13 How interesting do you find your work?

Extremely interesting	[]
Very interesting	[]
Fairly interesting	[]
Not very interesting	[]
Not interesting at all	[]

14 How happy are you with the hours you work?

Extremely happy	[]
Very happy	[]
Reasonably happy	[]
Not very happy	[]
Not happy at all - don't like the hours	[]

15 How happy are you with the pay you get?

Extremely happy	[]
Very happy	[]
Reasonably happy	[]
Not very happy	[]
Not happy at all	[]

16 What things in particular do you like about your job?

17 What things in particular do you dislike about it?

18 How useful have the things you learnt at school been to you in your job?

Extremely useful	[]
Very useful	[]
Fairly useful	[]
Not very useful	[]
No use at all	[]

19 Do you now wish you had taken any different subjects at school?

Yes	[]
No	[]

If so, please state which ones:

20 If you had your time at high school over again, what would you do out of the following?

Definitely study more	[]
Probably study more	[]
Study about the same	[]
Probably study less	[]
Definitely study less	[]

21 Have you any regrets about leaving school when you did?

Yes	[]
No	[]
Uncertain	[]

22 Before deciding on your first full-time job, how much information did you obtain about the work?

A great deal	[]
Quite a lot	[]
A little	[]
Not very much	[]
None at all	[]

23 Where did you get this information from?

24 After starting work, did you feel the information you obtained gave a true picture of what was involved in the job - that is, how correct was the information?

Completely correct	[]
Mostly correct	[]
About half correct	[]
Not very correct	[]
Not correct; misleading	[]
Didn't obtain any information	[]

25 How much is your job like you expected it to be?

Exactly	[]
Mostly	[]
A little	[]
Not very much	[]
Not at all	[]

26 Is the job better or worse than you expected it to be?

Much better	[]
A little better	[]
About as I hoped	[]
A little worse	[]
Much worse	[]

27 How is it different from what you expected?

28 Do you feel there is enough help given at school for young people these days to find the work they want?

Yes	[]
No	[]
Uncertain	[]