

Note to users of the SSE questionnaire

The survey questionnaire that follows is the technical specifications used to develop the computer assisted application used for data collection. While it contains the list of questions, it also includes symbols and internal working fields that were necessary for the programming of the application.

Please note that not everything that appears here was read to the respondent. Some fields are edits or check items; the notes and universe text appearing after some questions were not read; and not all text within questions was read as it appears. The following examples attempt to explain some of the 'unusual' text you will see:

Type 1 examples - ^Info.FNAME ^Info.LNAME (page 1, VR_I1 field)
- ^Info.LFI_Q113 (page 1, after Name of business)

The ^ is used to denote text was inserted from another field within the application. The name of the field that follows the ^ was the name of the field that provided the text (FNAME and LNAME). In this case what would have appeared on the screen would not be ^Info.FNAME ^Info.LNAME but the respondent's first name and then last name.

Some fields, like ^Info.LFI_Q113 (or any field containing LFI), were taken from the Labour Force Survey and do not appear in this questionnaire.

Type 2 examples - ^SinceUE (page 8, EM_Q2 field at bottom of page)

Here the symbol is being used on an internal work field within the application. In these cases a temporary field was created at certain points in the interview and used later as fill by another question.

Type 3 examples - ^LELA (page 1, in the Interviewer instruction FRENCH only)
- répondant^E (page 2, in the Interviewer instruction FRENCH only)

Both of these examples use the ^ to tell the computer to insert the appropriate gender for the respondent being addressed. For example, if the respondent was a female then the word 'La' would appear in the text and 'répondante'. For a male respondent the application would display the word 'Le' and 'répondant'. This type of fill will only appear in the French version of the questionnaire. A list of the choices used by the application is provided at the end of the French questionnaire.

For information only

The Survey of Self-Employment questionnaire was used in April 2000 to collect the information for the supplementary survey.

VR_START

START OF VERIFY RESPONDENT BLOCK

VR_I1

INTERVIEWER: This is a non-proxy interview for ^Info.FNAME ^Info.LNAME. If you are talking to ^Info.FNAME ^Info.LNAME press "Enter" to continue, if not, press F10 to quit.

VR_STOP

END OF VERIFY RESPONDENT BLOCK

VL_START

START OF VERIFY LFS BLOCK

VL_I1

The answers that you provide to the survey of self-employment are very important as they will help Human Resources Development Canada better understand the work experience of the self-employed. The results of this survey will be considered in future policy decisions. While your participation is voluntary, your answers are important and will be kept confidential under the Statistics Act.

INTERVIEWER: Press «Enter» to continue.

VL_Q1A

INTERVIEWER: Based on the information below, would you say that the respondent is a farmer?

Name of business: ^Info.LFI_Q113

Kind of business: ^Info.LFI_Q115

Kind of work: ^Info.LFI_Q116

Main duties: ^Info.LFI_Q117

- <1> Yes go to VL_C2
<2> No

Note: No «Don't know» and No «Refusal».

Universe: All respondents

VL_Q1B

INTERVIEWER: Based on the information below, would you say that the respondent is a fisherman?

Name of business: ^Info.LFI_Q113
Kind of business: ^Info.LFI_Q115
Kind of work: ^Info.LFI_Q116
Main duties: ^Info.LFI_Q117

- <1> Yes
- <2> No

Note: No «Don't know» and No «Refusal».
Universe: Respondents that are not farmers

VL_C2

If Info.LFIProxyMode=Proxy go to VL_Q2 else go to VL_Q3

VL_Q2

I would like to start by confirming some facts about the work you do. According to the LFS information, in the week of April 9 your ^MainE work activity was self-employment. Is this correct?

- <1> Yes go to VL_Q3
- <2> No

Note: No «Don't know» and No «Refusal».
 If Interviewer chooses «2», then should exit the program.
 If Info.LFIQ300=2(self-employed in the second job) then MainE= «main» and MainF= «principale», else MainE= «» and MainF= «».
Universe: Proxy interviews

VL_Q3

This survey is about your ^MainE self-employment activity. During this interview, would you like me to refer to your self-employment activities as:

- <1> **Your business?**
- <2> **Your professional practice?**
- <3> **Your self-employment?**
- <4> **^FarmTextE**
- <5> **^FishTextE**

Note: If VL_Q1A=Yes, set FarmTextE= «Your farming operation?» FarmTextF= «Votre travail d'agricult^TEUR?».
 If VL_Q1B=Yes, set FishTextE= «Your fishing operation?» FishTextF= «Votre travail de pêch^EUR?».
 If VL_Q3=«Business» then ACTIVITYE=«business» and ACTIVITYF=«entreprise» or
 If VL_Q3=«Practice» then ACTIVITYE=«professional practice» and ACTIVITYF=«bureau professionnel» or
 If VL_Q3=«Farming» then ACTIVITYE=«farming operation» and ACTIVITYF=«travail d'agricult^TEUR» or
 If VL_Q3=«Fishing» then ACTIVITYE=«fishing operation» and ACTIVITYF=«travail de pêch^EUR»
 else ACTIVITYE=«self-employment» and ACTIVITYF=«travail indépendant».
 If Info.LFIQ300=2 (self-employed in the second job) then MainE=«main» and MainF=«principale», else MainE="" and MainF=""
 These fields belong to the data model, not to any particular block.

Universe: All respondents

VL_E3

A blank answer has been selected. Please return and correct.

Note: If in VL_Q3, items 4 or 5 are empty and chosen then show message.

VL_C4A

If (Info.LFIPProxyMode=Non-Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118Y=DK or RF) then Set StartYear to «1998» and go to VL_C5A

OR if (Info.LFIPProxyMode=Non-Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118Y=Response) reset StartYear to LFIQ118Y and go to VL_C5A.

OR if (Info.LFIPProxyMode=Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118Y=Response) go to VL_Q4A.

Else if (Info.LFIPProxyMode=Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118Y=DK or RF) go to VL_Q4B

VL_Q4A

Now, I would like to confirm the year in which you started your ^ACTIVITYE . Was it in ^Info.LFIQ118Y?

INTERVIEWER: Concept of start date: For self-employed with business start year is the year when business was created or acquired; For self-employed without business start year is when the period of continuous employment began.

- <1> Yes go to VL_C5A
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Note: If VL_Q4A is non-response, set StartYear=1998
If VL_Q4A is Yes, then set StartYear to LFIQ118Y

Universe: Proxy interviews and LFIQ118Y=Response

VL_Q4B

In what year did you start your ^ACTIVITYE? [Min: 1941 Max: 2000]

INTERVIEWER: Concept of start date: For self-employed with business start year is the year when business was created or acquired; For self-employed without business start year is when the period of continuous employment began.

- <9997> Don't know
- <9998> Refusal

Note: If VL_Q4B is Non-Response, set StartYear=1998
Else, set StartYear to VL_Q4B

Universe: Proxy interviews and LFIQ118Y=DK or RF or VL_Q4A=No

VL_E4B

The startyear entered has to be greater than or equal to : ^MinStartYear (BirthYear + 10).

Note: If StartYear < (2000- ^Info.age + 10) then need to verify start year. Show message.

VL_C5A

If (Info.LFIProxyMode=Non-Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118M=DK or RF) then Set StartMonth to «January» and go to VL_C8
 OR if (Info.LFIProxyMode=Non-Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118M=Response) then set StartMonth to LFIQ118M and go to VL_C8.
 OR if (Info.LFIProxyMode=Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118M=Response) go to VL_Q5A.
 Else if (Info.LFIProxyMode=Proxy AND Info.LFIQ118M=DK or RF) go to VL_Q5B

VL_Q5A

And now the month: was it ^Info.LFIQ118M_E?

- <1> Yes go to VL_E5B
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Note: If VL_Q5A is Non-Response, set StartMonth=January
 If VL_Q5A=Yes, then set StartMonth to LFIQ118M

Universe: Proxy interviews and LFIQ118M=Response

VL_Q5B

In what month did you start your ^ACTIVITYE?

INTERVIEWER: PROBE. If no answer or refusal, choose «January».

- <01> January
- <02> February
- <03> March
- <04> April
- <05> May
- <06> June
- <07> July
- <08> August
- <09> September
- <10> October
- <11> November
- <12> December

Note: Use DATM Standard Block.
 If VL_Q5B is Non-Response, set StartMonth=January
 Else, set StartMonth to VL_Q5B

Universe: Proxy interviews and LFIQ118M=Empty or if VL_Q5A=No

VL_E5A

You have entered Don't know or Refusal for VL_Q5B, a mandatory question. Return to VL_Q5B and encourage the respondent to provide an approximation. If no answer or refusal, choose January.

Note: If ((StartYear<1999) OR (VL_Q5B=RESPONSE))=do not show message, else if StartYear is 1999 or 2000 and VL_Q5A=Empty, then show message.

VL_E5B

The startdate entered has to be less than or equal to April 2000.

Note: If startyear=2000 AND startmonth>April then show message

VL_E5C

Note: Reset StartDate to : (Startmonth startyear).
 Reset SinceUE, SinceLE, SinceUF and SinceLF to: IF Startdate<05 1999, set SinceUE= «In the past 12 months» SinceLE= «in the past 12 months» SinceUF= «Au cours des 12 derniers mois» SinceLF= «au cours des 12 derniers mois»
 ELSE set SinceUE= «Since ^startdate_E» SinceLE= «since ^stardate_E» SinceUF= «Depuis ^startdate_F» SinceLF= «depuis ^startdate_F»

VL_C6

If Info.LFIPProxyMode=Proxy go to VL_Q6, else go to VL_C8

VL_Q6

In the week of April 9, was your ^ACTIVITYE incorporated?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Universe: Proxy interviews

VL_E6

Reset Incorporated to VL_Q6

VL_Q7

In the week of April 9, did you have any employees?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Universe: Proxy interviews

VL_E7

Reset HadEmployees to VL_Q7

VL_C8

If Info.MarStat=Married or CommonLaw, go to VL_Q8, else go to VL_STOP

VL_Q8

Is your spouse your business partner?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Universe: All respondents that are either married or common law.

VL_STOP

END OF VERIFY LFS BLOCK

PW_START

START OF PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE BLOCK

PW_Q1

What was your main activity during the 12-month period before the start of your ^ACTIVITYE in ^Startdate?

- <01> Self-employed
- <02> Working for an employer
- <03> Going to school
- <04> Looking for a job
- <05> Looking after a household
- <06> Retired
- <07> Other
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

PW_Q2

At any time during this 12 month period, did you also do paid self-employed work in what would later become your ^ACTIVITYE?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

PW_C3

IF PWQ1='Working for an employer' GO TO PWQ3 ELSE GO TO PWQ6

PW_Q3

At the time that you started the current self-employment, had your work as an employee already ended?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to PW_Q7
- <7> Don't know go to PW_Q7
- <8> Refusal go to PW_Q7

PW_Q4

How did your work for an employer end? Did you...

- <1> **Lose your job** (includes jobs ended)
- <2> **Quit or resign**
- <3> **Retire**
- <4> Other - specify go to PW_S4
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: PW_Q5A

PW_S4

Specify (How did your work for an employer end.)

PW_Q5A

Did you receive a severance or buy-out package?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to PW_Q7
- <7> Don't know go to PW_Q7
- <8> Refusal go to PW_Q7

PW_Q5B

Did the severance or buy-out package help you to start-up your current ^ACTIVITYE?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: PW_Q7

PW_Q6

Have you ever worked as a paid employee?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

PW_C7

IF PWQ1 IS NOT 'Self-employed' GO TO PWQ7 ELSE GO TO PWSTP

PW_Q7

Before your current ^ACTIVITYE?, were you ever self-employed? (as a main activity)

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

PW_STOP

END OF PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE BLOCK

EM_START

START OF EMPLOYEES BLOCK

EM_Q1

^SinceUE, did you have any subcontractors working for you?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

EM_C2

If HadEmployees=Yes (had employees), go to EMSTP, else go to EMQ2

EM_Q2

^SinceUE, did you have any employees excluding yourself^PhraseE

- <1> Yes go to EM_STOP
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know go to EM_STOP
- <8> Refusal go to EM_STOP

Note: If EM_Q1='Yes' then PhraseE=' and subcontractors?' and PhraseF=' les sous-contractants?' Else PhraseE='?' and PhraseF='?'

EM_Q3

What is the main reason you work without employees?

- <01> Do not want the responsibility of employees
- <02> Not enough business
- <03> Cannot afford to hire employees
- <04> Difficult to find appropriate staff
- <05> No time to train
- <06> Not applicable to my occupation
- <07> Other - specify go to EM_S3
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

Default Next Question: EM_STOP

EM_S3

Specify (Main reason you work without employees.)

EM_STOP

END OF EMPLOYEES BLOCK

WA_START

START OF WORK ARRANGEMENTS

WA_IMP

Import the following variables:
VL_Q1A=IsFarmer from VL Block
VL_Q1B=IsFisher from VL Block
PW_Q1 from PW Block
PW_Q6 from PW Block

WA_C1

If IsFisher=Yes OR IsFarmer=Yes then go to WA_STOP else go to WA_Q1

WA_Q1

The next questions concern your current work arrangements.
Is this a franchise?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q1A

Where do you work most of the time?

- <1> At home go to WA_C3
- <2> Outside home, in own or rented office, store or other workspace go to WA_C3
- <3> In an office or workspace provided to you by your clients
- <4> In various clients' locations
- <5> Other - specify go to WA_S1A
- <7> Don't know go to WA_C3
- <8> Refusal go to WA_C3

Default Next Question: WA_Q2A

WA_S1A

Specify (Where do you work most of the time?)

Default Next Question: WA_C3

WA_Q2A

Do the clients provide you with a computer?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q2B

(Do the clients provide you with) software?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q2C

(Do the clients provide you with) other office equipment such as fax, photocopier?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q2D

(Do the clients provide you with) other equipment, tools or supplies?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q2E

(Do the clients provide you with) technical and / or clerical support staff?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_C3

If PWQ1= "Working for an employer" or PWQ6=Yes go to WAQ3 else go to WASTP.

WA_Q3

Do you usually work on a written contract basis?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to WA_STOP
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q4

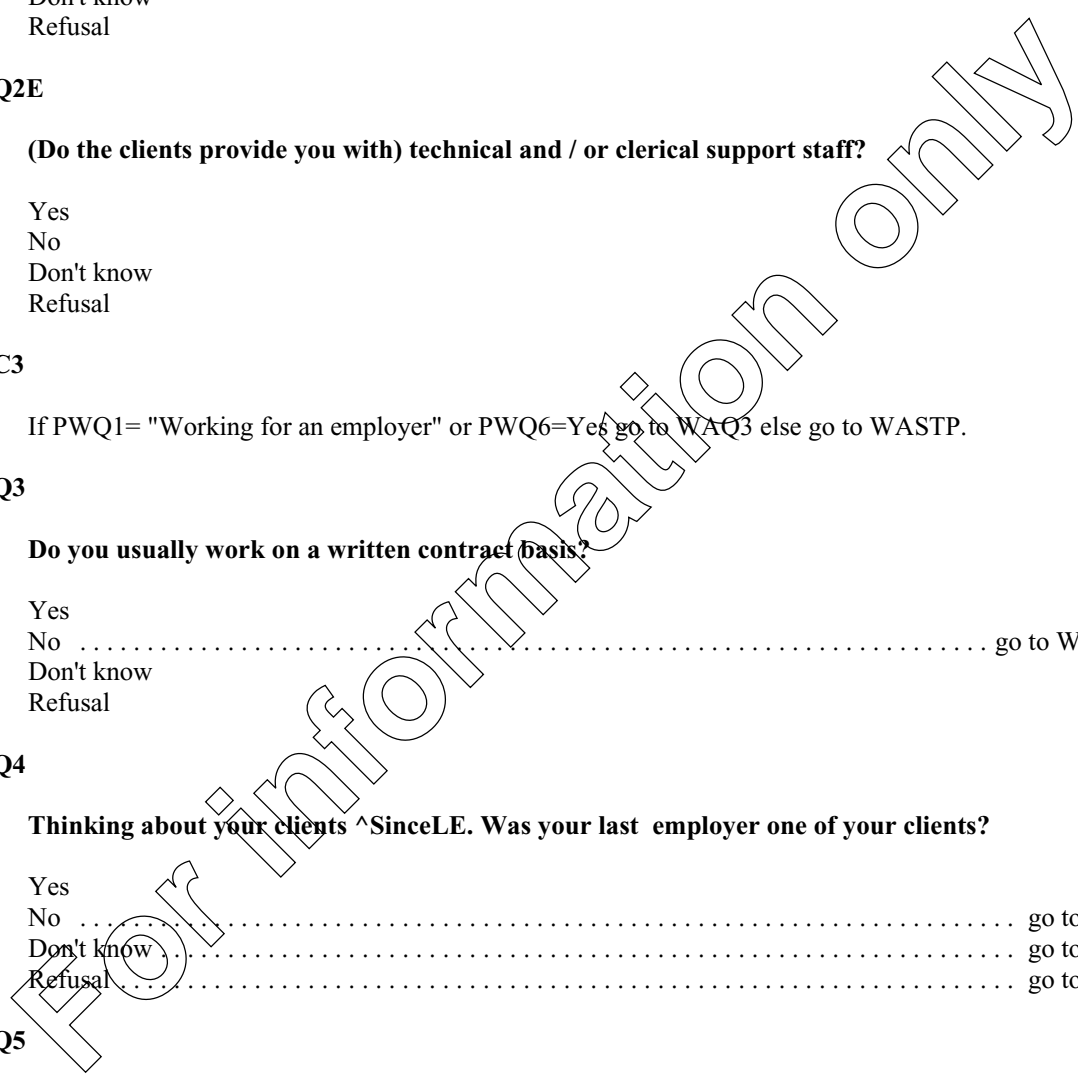
Thinking about your clients ^SinceLE. Was your last employer one of your clients?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to WA_Q9
- <7> Don't know go to WA_Q9
- <8> Refusal go to WA_Q9

WA_Q5

Was more than half of your revenue ^SinceLE generated by work done for your last employer?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to WA_Q9
- <7> Don't know go to WA_Q9
- <8> Refusal go to WA_Q9



WA_Q6

Was the contract work that you did for your last employer similar to the work you did as an employee?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to WA_Q10
- <7> Don't know go to WA_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to WA_Q10

WA_Q7

While working on contract for your last employer, did you have more, less or the same control over your work schedule than when you were an employee?

- <1> More
- <2> The same
- <3> Less
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q8

While working on contract for your last employer, did you have more, less or the same control over the content of your work than you did as an employee?

- <1> More
- <2> The same
- <3> Less
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **WA_STOP**

WA_Q9

^SinceUE, was most of the work you did on a contract basis similar to work that you had done as an employee at your last job?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q10

While working on a contract basis, did you have more, less or the same control over your work schedule compared to when you had worked as an employee ?

- <1> More
- <2> The same
- <3> Less
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_Q11

And, did you have more, less or the same of control over the content of your work?

- <1> More
- <2> The same
- <3> Less
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WA_STOP

END OF WORK ARRANGEMENTS

BC_START

START OF INSURANCE BLOCK

BC_Q1

Now, I would like to ask you a few questions about benefit plans and insurance coverage. Are you covered by a dental plan, other than a provincial plan?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to BC_Q3
- <7> Don't know go to BC_Q4
- <8> Refusal go to BC_Q4

BC_Q2

What is the source of your coverage?

- <1> Spouse's - partner's plan
- <2> Own plan purchased as a self-employed person
- <3> Plan purchased through an association
- <4> Through an employer at a paid job
- <5> Through a franchisor
- <6> Other
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: BC_Q4

BC_Q3

What is the main reason you haven't purchased a dental plan?

- <1> Not good value for money
- <2> Cannot afford at this moment
- <3> Keep putting it off
- <4> Haven't thought about it
- <5> Other - specify go to BC_S3
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: BC_Q4

BC_S3

Specify (Main reason you haven't purchased a dental plan.)

BC_Q4

Are you covered by a health plan, other than provincial medicare?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to BC_Q6
- <7> Don't know go to BC_Q7
- <8> Refusal go to BC_Q7

BC_Q5

What is the source of your coverage?

- <1> Spouse's - partner's plan
- <2> Own plan purchased as a self-employed person
- <3> Plan purchased through an association
- <4> Through an employer at a paid job
- <5> Through a franchisor
- <6> Other
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: BC_Q7

BC_Q6

Which of the following is the main reason you haven't purchased a health plan?

- <1> Not good value for money
- <2> Cannot afford at this moment
- <3> Keep putting it off
- <4> Haven't thought about it
- <5> Other - specify go to BC_S6
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: BC_Q7

BC_S6

Specify (Main reason you haven't purchased a health plan.)

BC_Q7

Have you purchased disability insurance that would provide you with income in the case of long term health problem?

- <1> Yes go to BC_Q9A
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know go to BC_Q9A
- <8> Refusal go to BC_Q9A

BC_Q8

What is the main reason you haven't purchased disability insurance?

- <1> Not good value for money
- <2> Cannot afford at this moment
- <3> Keep putting it off
- <4> Haven't thought about it
- <5> Do not qualify
- <6> Other - specify go to BC_S8
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: BC_Q9A

BC_S8

Specify (Main reason you haven't purchased a disability insurance.)

BC_Q9A

Some people start preparing early for retirement, some later. For your retirement, do you have your own RRSPs?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

BC_Q9B

(For your retirement, do you have...) some other forms of savings or investments for retirement (e.g. mutual funds, GICs, stocks, bonds outside the RRSP)?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

BC_Q9C

(For your retirement, do you have...) your own pension plan from a paid job?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

BC_Q9D

(For your retirement, do you have...) assets such as equity in your home or cottage or business?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

BC_Q9E

(For your retirement, do you have...) other assets such as land or rental property?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

BC_Q9F

(For your retirement, do you have...) any other assets?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

BC_C10

If all BC_Q9A through BC_Q9F = No then go to BC_Q10, else go to BC_STOP

BC_Q10

What is the main reason you have not started preparing yourself financially for retirement?

- <1> Spouse - partner has a pension plan, RRSP or other investments
- <2> Cannot afford saving or investing at this time
- <3> It is too early to prepare for retirement
- <4> Government Pension Plan is sufficient (CPP-QPP)
- <5> Other - specify go to BC_S10
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: BC_STOP

BC_S10

Specify (Main reason you haven't started preparing for retirement.)

BC_STOP

END OF INSURANCE BLOCK

WRT_START

START OF WORK RELATED TRAINING BLOCK

WRT_I1

The next few questions are about training related to your ^ACTIVITYE.
I am going to ask you some questions about two ways of training. The first, I will call formal. It refers to structured forms of training. The second type is informal, and by that I mean teaching yourself or learning from others.

INTERVIEWER: Press "Enter" to continue.

WRT_Q1

^SinceUE, did you take any formal training or education related to your ^ACTIVITYE? Please include programs, courses, correspondence courses, apprenticeship training, workshops or seminars.

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WRT_Q2

^SinceUE, was there any formal training or education related to your work that you wanted to take but did not?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to WRT_I4
- <7> Don't know go to WRT_I4
- <8> Refusal go to WRT_I4

WRT_Q3

What were the reasons you did not take this training or education?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <01> Cannot afford, expensive
- <02> Not good value for money
- <03> Lack of time, too busy at work
- <04> Lack of childcare
- <05> Other family responsibilities
- <06> Course offered at inconvenient time or location
- <07> Lack of information on available courses
- <08> Other - specify go to WRT_S3
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

Default Next Question: **WRT_I4**

WRT_S3

Specify (Reasons you didn't take this formal training.)

WRT_I4

Next, I would like to ask you about informal training and by that I mean teaching yourself or learning from others.

INTERVIEWER: Press "Enter" to continue.

WRT_Q4A

There are various methods that one can use to learn informally. ^SinceUE, did you use any of the following methods for work-related learning? Studying manuals, books, or other publications in either print or electronic format?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WRT_Q4B

(Did you use any of the following methods for work-related learning?) Observing a colleague demonstrate skills?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WRT_Q4C

(Did you use any of the following methods for work-related learning?) Discussing with others?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WRT_C5

For those who answered Y to at least one in WRTQ4A or WRTQ4B or WRTQ4C go to WRTQ5 else, if WRTQ1=Yes or WRTQ2=Yes go to WRTQ6, else go to WRTSTP.

WRT_Q5

^SinceUE, how much time did you spend on informal learning related to your work?

- <1> A lot of time?
- <2> Some time?
- <3> Not much time?
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WRT_C6

IF WRTQ1 IS NOT YES AND WRTQ2 IS NOT YES GO TO WRTQ9 ELSE GO TO WRTQ6

WRT_Q6

In your current circumstances, which one is more useful to you: formal or informal training ?

- <1> Formal training
- <2> Informal training go to WRT_Q8
- <3> Both
- <7> Don't know go to WRT_Q9
- <8> Refusal go to WRT_Q9

WRT_Q7

For you, what are the main advantages of FORMAL training compared to informal training?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <1> Credentials associated with having a degree/diploma/certificate
- <2> Benefits of an instructor/structured environment
- <3> Easier to find the time once money is paid, time is set, etc
- <4> An opportunity to meet/network with others in my field
- <5> Other - specify go to WRT_S7
- <6> None
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: WRT_E7

WRT_S7

Specify (Main advantages of formal training.)

WRT_E7

You cannot select "None" and another category. Please return and correct.

Note: If in WRT_Q7, item 6 and another category are chosen, then show message.

WRT_C8

If WRTQ6="Both" then go to WRTQ8, if WRTQ6="Informal" go to WRTQ8, else go to WRTQ9

WRT_Q8

For you, what are the main advantages of INFORMAL training compared to formal training?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <01> Lower cost
- <02> Less time consuming
- <03> More flexibility of time
- <04> Can learn at own pace
- <05> Can be more specific to my needs
- <06> Quick access to up-to-date information
- <07> Other - specify go to WRT_S8
- <08> None
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

Default Next Question: WRT_E8

WRT_S8

Specify (Main advantages of informal training.)

WRT_E8

You cannot select "None" and another category. Please return and correct.

Note: If in WRT_Q8, item 8 and another category are chosen, then show message.

WRT_Q9

Would you say that most of your training needs are related to:

- <1> Knowledge or skills specific to your profession or occupation
- <2> Knowledge or skills specific to operating your business
- <3> Both (50/50)
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

WRT_STOP

END OF OF WORK RELATED TRAINING BLOCK

MS_START

START OF MOTIVATION AND SATISFACTION BLOCK

MS_IMP

Import the following variables:
PW_Q1 from PW Block
PW_Q6 from PW Block

MS_Q1

**Now, I would like you to think back to your decision to become self-employed.
Did you become self-employed because you could not find suitable paid employment?**

- <1> Yes go to MS_Q3
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

MS_Q2

What is the main reason you became self-employed instead of working for an employer?

- <01> Flexible hours
- <02> Balance of work and family
- <03> Work from home
- <04> Independence, freedom, own boss
- <05> Control, responsibility, decision making
- <06> Challenge, creativity, success, satisfaction
- <07> More money, unlimited income
- <08> Lower taxes, deductions
- <09> Less stress
- <10> Had to be self-employed (nature of job)
- <11> Joined or took over family business
- <12 > Other - specify go to MS_S2
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

Default Next Question: MS_Q3

MS_S2

Specify (Reason you became self-employed instead of an employer?)

MS_Q3

What do you like about being self-employed?

INTERVIEWER: Mark up to 3 answers.

- <01> Flexible hours
- <02> Balance of work and family
- <03> Work from home
- <04> Independence, freedom, own boss
- <05> Control, responsibility, decision making
- <06> Challenge, creativity, success, satisfaction
- <07> More money, unlimited income
- <08> Lower taxes/deductions
- <09> Less stress
- <10> Other - specify go to MS_S3
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

Default Next Question: **MS_E3**

Note: Maximum of 3 responses.

MS_S3

Specify (What do you like about being self-employed?)

MS_E3

If one answer in MSQ3, go to MSQ5, else if more than one answer , go to MSQ4

MS_Q4

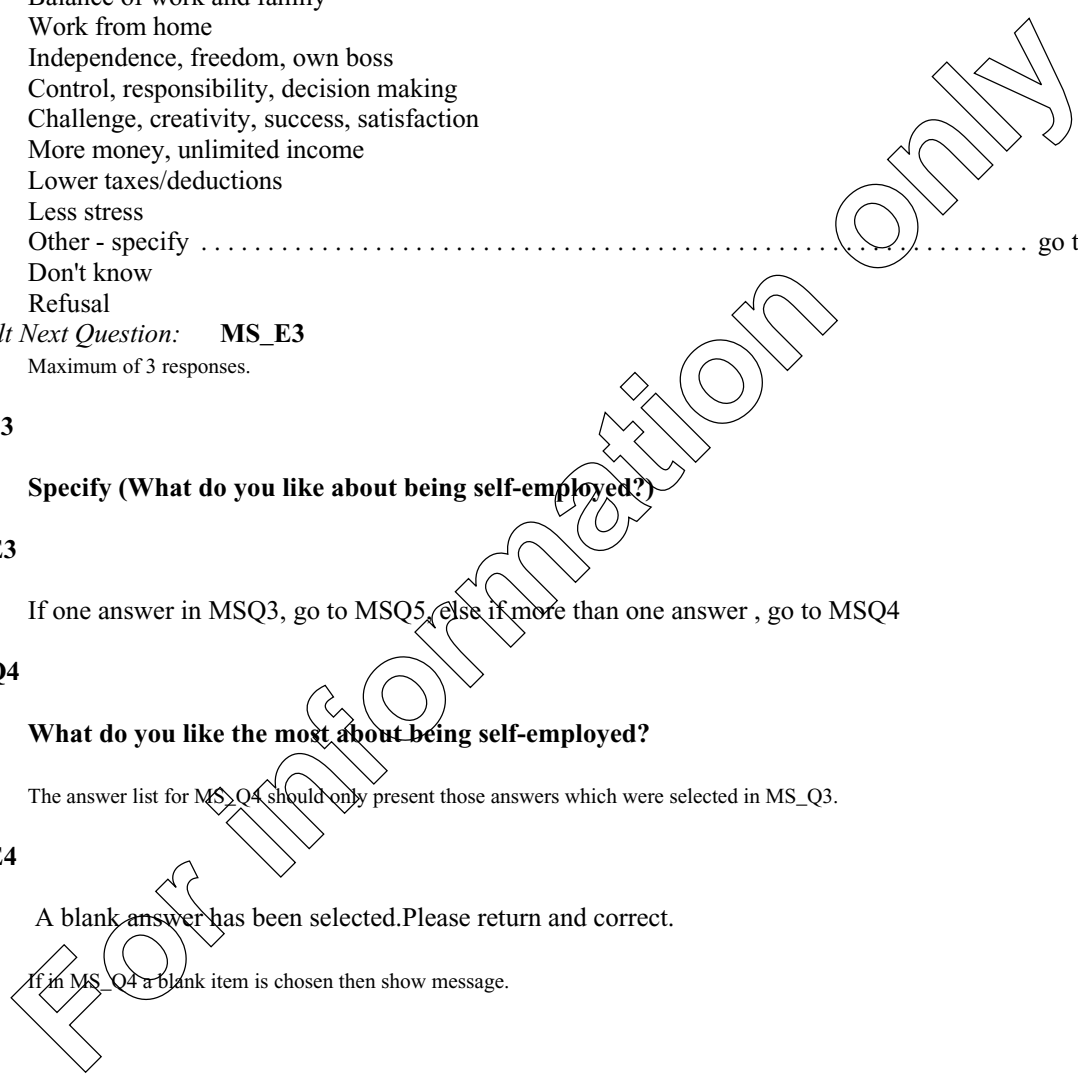
What do you like the most about being self-employed?

Note: The answer list for MS_Q4 should only present those answers which were selected in MS_Q3.

MS_E4

A blank answer has been selected.Please return and correct.

Note: If in MS_Q4 a blank item is chosen then show message.



MS_Q5

And, what do you dislike about being self-employed?

INTERVIEWER: Mark up to 3 answers.

- <01> Uncertainty, insecurity, risk, lack of stability
- <02> Fluctuations of income, cash flow problems
- <03> Difficulties with obtaining financing, with banks
- <04> Tax burden
- <05> Low income
- <06> Lack of benefits
- <07> Too much responsibility
- <08> Long hours, no time off
- <09> Interference in family life
- <10> Working alone, isolation
- <11> Tasks related to running a business
- <12> Stress
- <13> Other - specify go to MS_S5
- <97> Don't know
- <98> Refusal

Default Next Question: MS_E5

Note: Maximum of 3 responses.

MS_S5

Specify (What do you dislike about being self-employed?)

MS_E5

If one answer in MSQ5, go to MSQ7, else if more than one answer , go to MSQ6

MS_Q6

What do you dislike the most about being self-employed?

Note: The answer list for MS_Q6 should only present those answers which were selected in MS_Q5

MS_E6

A blank answer has been selected. Please return and correct.

Note: If in MS_Q6, a blank item is chosen then show message.

MS_Q7

If instead of self-employment, you could get a paid-job, at the going wage or salary rate for someone with your experience and education, would you accept it, yes or no?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

MS_C8

If Info.LFIQ300= 1 (employee) go to MSSTP, else if (staryear>=1995 and PWQ1=2 (working for an employer) or (startyear>=1995 and PWQ6=yes(paid employee), go to MSQ8 else go to MSSTP.

MS_Q8

Compared to when you worked for the last time as a paid employee, do you find balancing work and family life now to be more, less or equally difficult?

- <1> More difficult
- <2> Equally difficult
- <3> Less difficult
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

MS_STOP

END OF MOTIVATION AND SATISFACTION BLOCK

ASN_START

START OF ASSOCIATIONS BLOCK

ASN_IMP

Import the following variables:
BC_Q2=DentalPlanSource from BC Block
BC_Q5= HealthPlanSource from BC Block

ASN_Q1

In your ^ActivityE, are you required to belong to any professional, occupational or trade associations?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_Q2

Do you voluntarily belong to any professional, occupational or trade association, or any organization that represents the interests of the self-employed?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_C3

IF ASNQ1 OR ASNQ2=YES THEN GO TO ASNC3A, ELSE IF ASNQ1 AND ASNQ2=NO GO TO ASNQ4, ELSE GO TO ASNSTP

ASN_C3A

If HealthPlanSource= "3" (Plan purchased through an association), then go to ASN_C3B, else go to ASN_Q3A.

ASN_Q3A

Do any of the organizations that you belong to offer group rates on health insurance?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_C3B

If DentalPlanSource= "3" (Plan purchased through an association), then go to ASN_Q3BB, else go to ASN_Q3B.

ASN_Q3B

**(Do any of the organizations that you belong to offer...)
group rates on dental insurance?**

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_Q3BB

**(Do any of the organizations that you belong to offer...)
group rates on disability insurance?**

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_Q3C

(Do any of the organizations that you belong to offer...) information about training?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_Q3D

(Do any of the organizations that you belong to offer...) training?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_Q3E

(Do any of the organizations that you belong to offer...) networking opportunities?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: ASN_STOP

ASN_Q4

What is the main reason that you do not belong to such an association?

- <1> Unaware of any such organizations - not enough information
- <2> Doesn't exist in my field
- <3> Not interested - never inquired
- <4> Not good value - cost
- <5> No time - too busy to participate
- <6> Other
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

ASN_STOP

END OF ASSOCIATIONS BLOCK

FN_START

START OF FINANCES BLOCK

FN_E1

Note: If startdate is greater than January 1999 go to FN_I11, else go to FN_I1

FN_I1

To make statistical comparisons, we need to know income levels of self-employed. I would like to remind you that your answers will remain confidential.

INTERVIEWER: Press «Enter» to continue.

FN_C1

If Incorporated=Yes, go to FNQ5, else go to FNQ1

FN_Q1

I would like to ask you about your net revenue from your ^ACTIVITYE in 1999. If a partnership, report your share only.

Did you make less than \$40,000?

INTERVIEWER: Report the difference between the gross revenue and the business expenses before taxes and deductions.

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to FN_Q2B
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q10

FN_Q2A

Did you make less than \$20,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q3A
- <2> No go to FN_Q3B
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q10

FN_Q2B

Did you make less than \$60,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q3C
- <2> No go to FN_Q2C
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q10

FN_Q2C

Did you make less than \$80,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q3D
- <2> No go to FN_Q3E
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_Q10

FN_Q3A

Did you make less than \$10,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to FN_Q4A
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q10

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q3AA

Did you have a net loss?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_C10**

FN_Q3B

Did you make less than \$30,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q4B
- <2> No go to FN_Q4C
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q3C

Did you make less than \$50,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q4D
- <2> No go to FN_Q4E
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

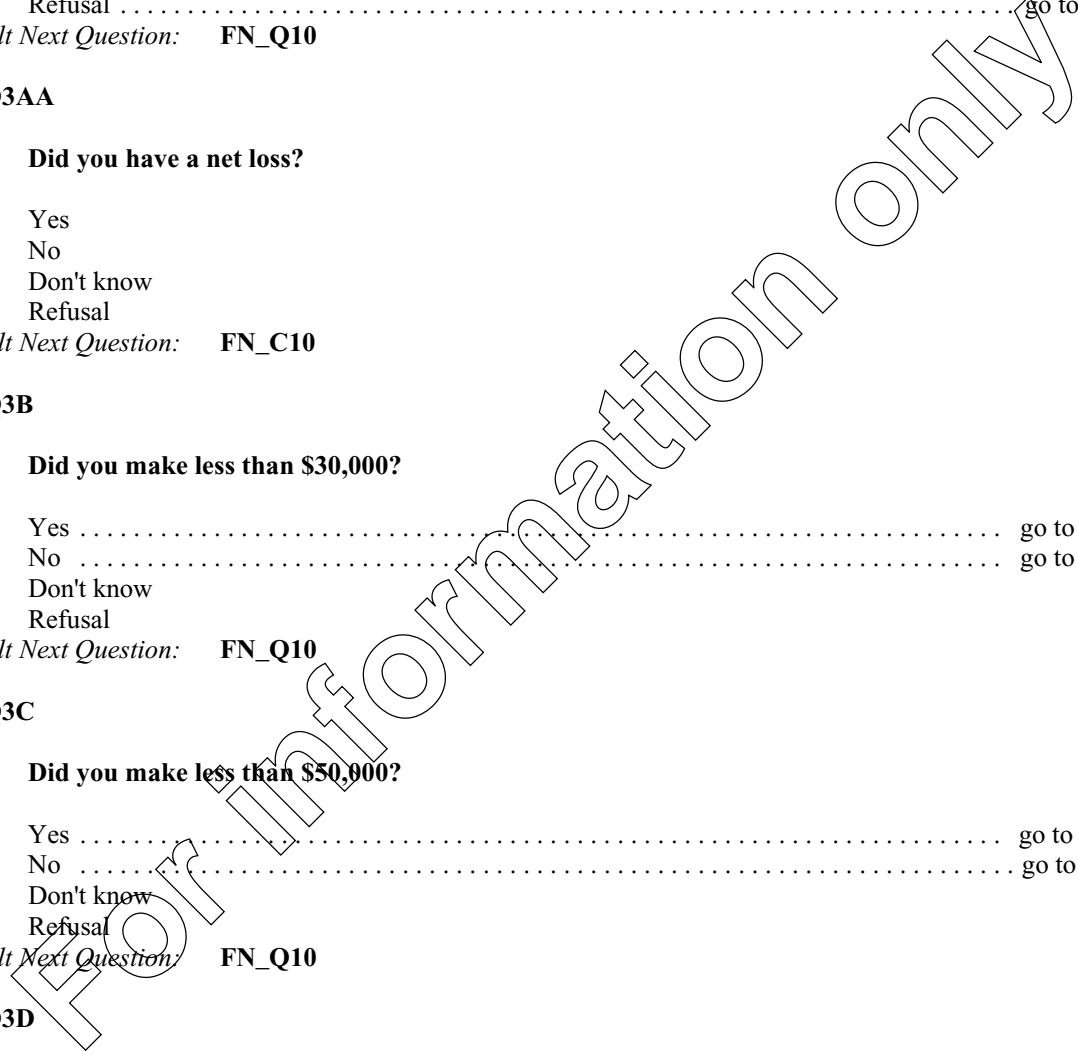
Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q3D

Did you make less than \$70,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q4F
- <2> No go to FN_Q4G
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**



FN_Q3E

Did you make less than \$90,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q4A

Did you make less than \$15,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q4B

Did you make less than \$25,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q4C

Did you make less than \$35,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q4D

Did you make less than \$45,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

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FN_Q4E

Did you make less than \$55,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q4F

Did you make less than \$65,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q4G

Did you make less than \$75,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q5

Do you draw a salary or receive dividends from the company?

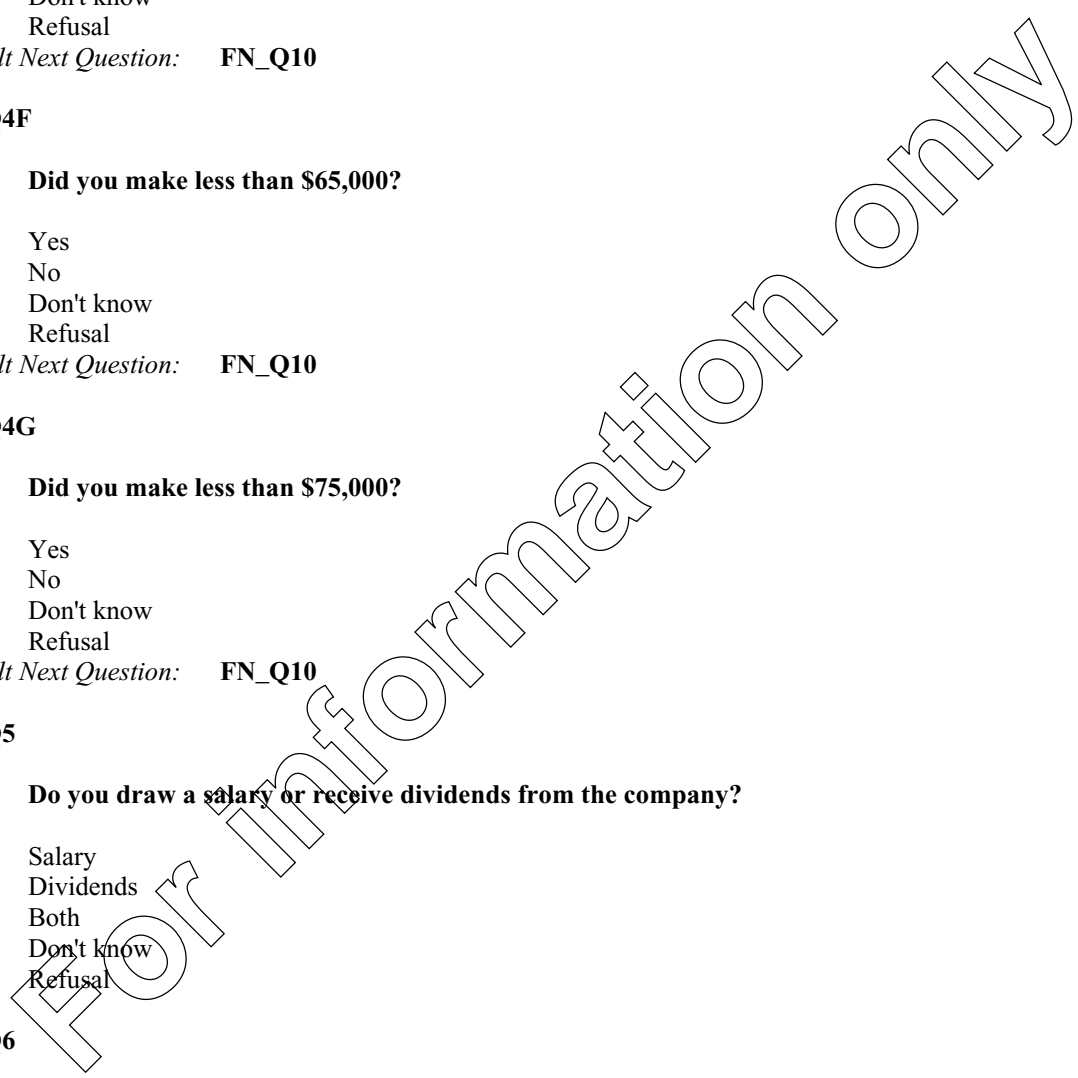
- <1> Salary
- <2> Dividends
- <3> Both
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

FN_Q6

In 1999, what was your gross personal income from your ^ACTIVITYE before taxes and deductions?

Did you make less than \$40,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to FN_Q7B
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q10



FN_Q7A

Did you make less than \$20,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q8A
- <2> No go to FN_Q8B
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_Q10

FN_Q7B

Did you make less than \$60,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q8C
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q10
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q10

FN_Q7C

Did you make less than \$80,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q8D
- <2> No go to FN_Q8E
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_Q10

FN_Q8A

Did you make less than \$10,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to FN_Q9A
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_Q10

FN_Q8B

Did you make less than \$30,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q9B
- <2> No go to FN_Q9C
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_Q10

For information only

FN_Q8C

Did you make less than \$50,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q9D
- <2> No go to FN_Q9E
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q8D

Did you make less than \$70,000?

- <1> Yes go to FN_Q9F
- <2> No go to FN_Q9G
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q8E

Did you make less than \$90,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q9A

Did you make less than \$15,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

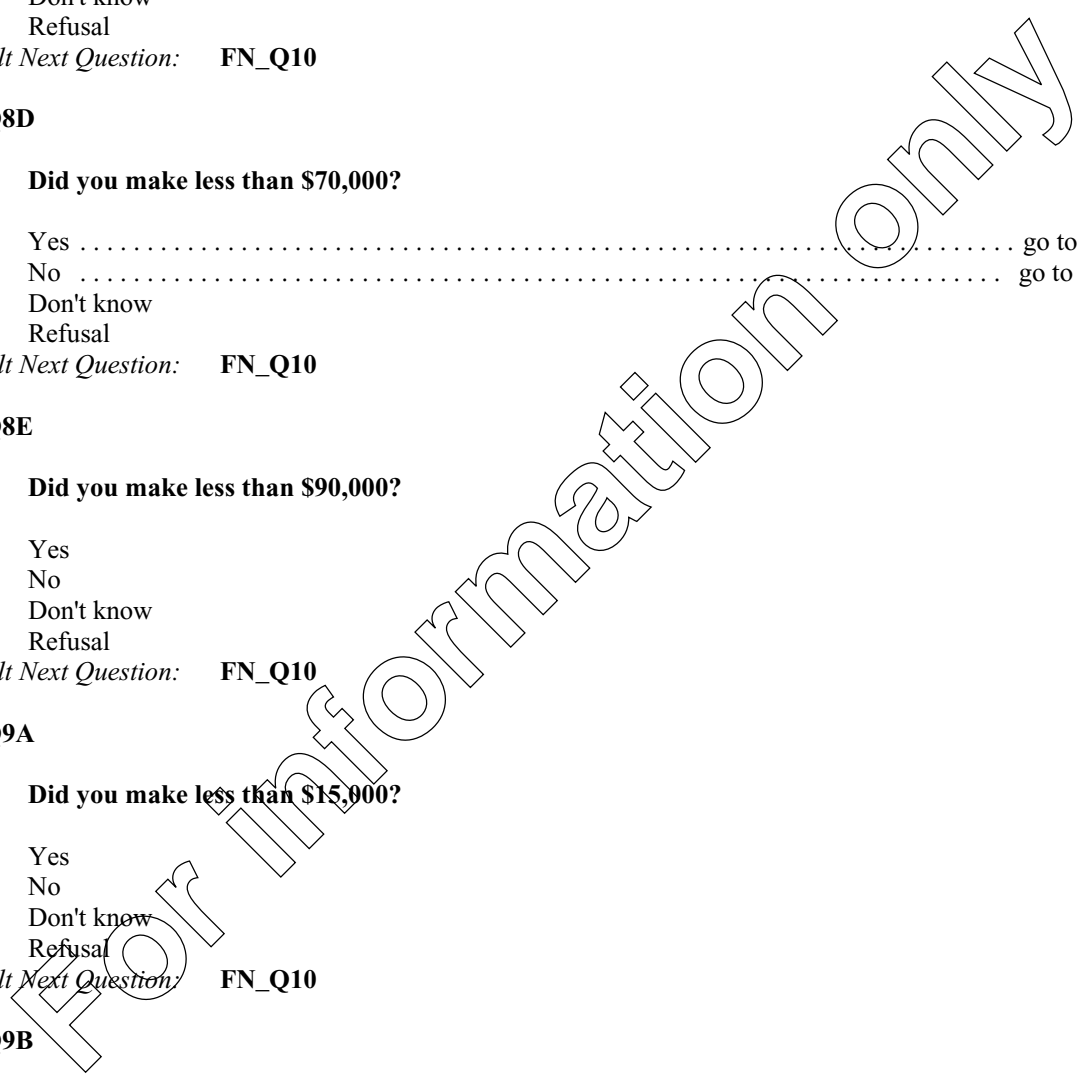
Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q9B

Did you make less than \$25,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**



FN_Q9C

Did you make less than \$35,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q9D

Did you make less than \$45,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q9E

Did you make less than \$55,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q9F

Did you make less than \$65,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

FN_Q9G

Did you make less than \$75,000?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: **FN_Q10**

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FN_C10

Note: If FN_Q3AA=Yes, go to FN_Q11, else go to FN_Q10

FN_Q10

In 1999, did more than half of your household income come from your self-employment?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_Q11

FN_I11

And now a question about financial matters.
INTERVIEWER: Press «Enter» to continue.

FN_Q11

Have you ever experienced personal financial difficulties as a result of being self-employed?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to FN_Q15
- <7> Don't know go to FN_Q15
- <8> Refusal go to FN_Q15

FN_Q12

How did you deal with the most recent difficulties?
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <01> Reduced personal or family expenditures?
- <02> Used savings?
- <03> Borrowed money?
- <04> Sold assets?
- <05> Cashed in RRSP's?
- <06> Received government assistance?
- <07> Declared bankruptcy?
- <08> Relied on other sources of income?
- <97> Don't know go to FN_Q15
- <98> Refusal go to FN_Q15

FN_E13

If FNQ12="OtherIncome" go to FNQ13, OR if FNQ12="BorrowMoney" go to FNQ14, else go to FN_Q15

FN_Q13

On what other sources of income have you relied?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <1> Earnings of other members of the household
- <2> Earnings from another business operated by respondent (including starting a new business)
- <3> Earnings from respondent's paid job (including starting a paid job)
- <4> Relied on own pension
- <5> Other
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

FN_E14

If FNQ12= "BorrowMoney", then go to FNQ14, else FN_Q15

FN_Q14

From whom did you borrow, from a financial institution, from family or friends?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <1> From a financial institution
- <2> From family or friends
- <3> Other
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

FN_Q15

Would you be interested in paying premiums to an insurance program which would pay you benefits if poor business conditions cause you personal financial problems?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No go to FN_Q17
- <7> Don't know go to FN_STOP
- <8> Refusal go to FN_STOP

FN_Q16

Why would you be interested?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <1> Would feel more secure, less stressed out
- <2> High probability would use it (business unstable)
- <3> Has no other income to rely on, no other insurance
- <4> Program would help to stay in business
- <5> Other - specify go to FN_S16
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_STOP

FN_S16

Specify (Why you would be interested in contributing to this program.)

Default Next Question: FN_STOP

FN_Q17

Why would you not be interested?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- <1> Low probability would ever use it (business stable)
- <2> Has other - sufficient income sources to rely on, can find work, other insurance
- <3> Program would not do enough to help
- <4> Does not believe in insurance program for self-employed
- <5> Other - specify go to FN_S17
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

Default Next Question: FN_STOP

FN_S17

Specify (Why you would not be interested in contributing to this program.)

Default Next Question: FN_STOP

FN_STOP

END OF FINANCES BLOCK

FQ_START

START OF FINAL QUESTIONS BLOCK

FQ_I1

We are now coming to the end of the survey.

To better understand the characteristics of the self-employed, I would like to ask about your background.

INTERVIEWER: Press "Enter" to continue.

FQ_Q1

Were you born in Canada?

- <1> Yes go to FQ_Q3
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know go to FQ_Q3
- <8> Refusal go to FQ_Q3

FQ_Q2

In what year did you first immigrate to Canada?

- <1931..2000> ImmigrYr
- <9997> Don't know
- <9998> Refusal

FQ_E2

The year entered is before the year of birth of the respondent.

Note: If (FQ2 < ^Birthyear or (2000-^age)) then show hard error message.

FQ_I3

Thank you for completing this survey. To avoid duplication, Statistics Canada has entered into an agreement with the Department of Human Resources Development Canada for sharing information from this survey. The department will not be given your name or other identifiers and they have agreed to keep all other information confidential and to use it only for statistical purposes.

INTERVIEWER: Press "Enter" to continue.

FQ_Q3

INTERVIEWER: Do you agree to let Statistics Canada share your information with Human Resources Development Canada?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <7> Don't know
- <8> Refusal

FQ_STOP

END OF FINAL QUESTIONS BLOCK

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