About the survey

The survey we are asking you to take part in is a national survey of everyone who has recently qualified from any university or HE college in the UK. The information you provide will also be very useful to us at the University of Aberdeen to advise our current students about the opportunities that might be available to them.

Of those who obtained qualifications across the UK in 2011/12, 77.4% responded to the survey. Of these, 67.4% reported that they were working and a further 7.3% were working and studying. 13.6% were undertaking further study only. 7.3% of leavers were assumed to be unemployed. More results can be found at www.hesa.ac.uk/sfr192.

If we don’t hear from you we will try to contact you again, possibly by phone, so please let us know if you change your email address or phone number. If we can’t get in touch with you at all, we may try to get information about what you were doing from someone else, either at the University of Aberdeen or someone we can reach using the contact information you previously provided to the University, including Next of Kin details. If you don’t want us to do this, or you don’t want to give us any information at all, please tell us. Below are details about what happens to your information after it is sent to us.

A follow-up survey is planned for three years’ time so that we can get even more information about the early careers of those with HE qualifications. You might be asked to take part in this follow-up survey as well, which will be carried out by a different organisation. If you don’t want to take part in the follow-up survey, please let us know. You can also let us know that you do not want to take part in the follow-up survey by ticking the box at the end of the questionnaire.

What happens to your information

The data requested in this form is covered by the legal notification provided by the University to the Information Commissioner’s Office under Registration Number Z7266585, and will be processed only in accordance with that notification. Within the University, individualised data will be used and may be passed to other departments for the purposes of statistical analysis, teaching review and student recruitment. However, data released outside the University will be in aggregate form only, from which individuals cannot be identified. Your individual data will not be passed to any third party without your consent, except where the University is required by law to do so.

We will send information from this form to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). The uses HESA makes of your survey responses are described in detail here: www.hesa.ac.uk/dlhefpn1314.