

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 207/2008

of 5 March 2008

adopting the specifications of the 2009 ad hoc module on the entry of young people into the labour market provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Employment guidelines⁽²⁾ include a number of policy orientations relevant for youth employment, underlining that more efforts should be undertaken to build employment pathways for young people and to reduce youth unemployment. These guidelines also refer to the targets and benchmarks set in the European Employment Strategy since 2003 for the reduction of early school-leaving, the rise in educational attainment levels and the 'new start' for unemployed youth.
- (2) The education benchmarks are enshrined in the Education and Training 2010 Work Programme which is implemented by Member States and the Commission⁽³⁾. These benchmarks should help to monitor the rise in educational attainment levels and in lifelong learning and the reduction of number of early school-leavers — policy goals aimed to prepare best the young people to their professional and social life.
- (3) The Council Decision 2006/702/EC of 6 October 2006 on Community Strategic Guidelines on Cohesion⁽⁴⁾ calls

upon Member States to pay special attention to 'implementing the European Youth Pact, by facilitating access to employment for young people, by easing the transition from education to work, including through career guidance, assistance in completing education, access to appropriate training and apprenticeships'.

- (4) Consequently, there is an evident need for a comprehensive and comparable set of data on the entry of the young people into the labour market in order to monitor progress towards the common objectives of the European Employment Strategy and of the Social Inclusion Process.
- (5) Commission Regulation (EC) No 384/2005 of 7 March 2005 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2007 to 2009, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98⁽⁵⁾ already included an ad hoc module on the entry of the young people into the labour market. The list of variables for this module should be defined.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Statistical Programme Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The detailed list of variables to be collected in 2009 by the ad hoc module on the entry of the young people into the labour market shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 77, 14.3.1998, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision of 12 July 2005 on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (2005/600/EC), OJ L 205, 6.8.2005, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ Council, Detailed work programme on the follow-up of the objectives of Education and training systems in Europe (2002/C 142/01), OJ C 142, 14.6.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 291, 21.10.2006, p. 11.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 61, 8.3.2005, p. 23. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 341/2006 (OJ L 55, 25.2.2006, p. 9).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 March 2008.

For the Commission
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ANNEX

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Specifications of the 2009 ad hoc module on the entry of young people into the labour market

1. Member States and regions concerned: all.
2. The variables shall be coded as follows:

The labelling of variables of the Labour Force Survey in the column 'Filter' refers to Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No 430/2005.

Column	Code	Description	Filter
203 (PARHAT)		Highest level of education successfully completed by father or mother	Everybody aged 15-34
	1	Low: ISCED 0, 1, 2 and 3c short	
	2	Medium: ISCED 3-4 (without 3c short)	
	3	High: ISCED 5-6	
	9	Not applicable (persons aged less than 15 or more than 34)	
	Blank	No answer	
204-207 PARFOR		Country of birth of father and mother	Everybody aged 15-34
		<i>(For Germany: nationality/former nationality of father and mother when they have in the reference week the German nationality)</i>	
		For coding, see ISO country classification	
	4 digits (father — 2 first digits, mother — 2 last digits)	
	9999	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
208 HATVOC		Orientation of the highest level of formal education attained (HATLEVEL)	Everybody aged 15-34 and HATLEVEL=21-43
	1	General education	
	2	Vocational education mainly (or solely) school based	
	3	Combination of school and workplace based vocational education	
	4	Vocational education mainly workplace based	
	5	Vocational education, with no distinction possible between 2, 3 and 4	
	9	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
209-214 STOPDATE		Month and year of leaving formal education for the last time	Everybody aged 15-34 and EDUCSTAT=2 and HATLEVEL#00
	...	Month and year	
	999999	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter
215 WORKEDUC		Work during studies in formal education	Everybody aged 15-34
	0	No work or work less than 1 month per year	
	1	Work (only) as part of educational programme	
	2	Work while studying but outside educational programmes	
	3	Work (only) during an interruption of studies	
	4	Work as combination of 1 and 2	
	5	Work as combination of 1 and 3	
	6	Work as combination of 2 and 3	
	7	Work as combination of 1, 2 and 3	
	9	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
216-221 JOBSTART		Month and year of start of the first job of more than 3 months after leaving formal education for the last time	Col.209-214 ≠ 999999 and blank
	000000	Never had a job of more than 3 months	
	000001	Current job is my first job	
	Month and year	
	999999	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
222-224 JOB DUR		Duration of the first job of more than 3 months (after leaving formal education for the last time)	Col. 216-221 ≠ 000000 and 000001 and 999999
	...	Number of months	
	999	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
225 FINDMETH		Method which allowed to find the first job of more than 3 months (after leaving formal education for the last time)	Col. 216-221 ≠ 000000 and 999999
	1	Via educational institution	
	2	Via PES (Public Employment Services)	
	3	Via ads in press or on the Internet	
	4	Submission of direct (spontaneous) job application to employer	
	5	Via family and friends	
	6	Job found after previous experience (summer/student job, apprenticeship, traineeship, voluntary job) in the same company	
	7	Launching private business	
	8	Other	
	9	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter
226-229 JOBBOCC		Occupation of the first job of more than 3 months (after leaving formal education for the last time)	Col. 216-221 ≠ 000000 and 000001 and 999999
	ISCO-88 (COM) coded at 3 or if possible 4 digits level	
	9999	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
230 JOBCONTR		Type of contract of the first job of more than 3 months (after leaving formal education for the last time)	Col. 216-221 ≠ 000000 and 000001 and 999999
	1	Self-employed	
	2	Employee, permanent full-time	
	3	Employee, permanent part-time	
	4	Employee, temporary full-time	
	5	Employee, temporary part-time	
	6	Family worker	
	9	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	
231 TRANSACT		Main activity after leaving formal education for the last time and before starting the first job of a duration of at least 3 months	Col.209-214 ≠ 999999 and blank and {first job started more than 3 months after the date in Col.209-214 or Col.216-221 =000000}
	1	Employed — work in job(s) of short duration (maximum 3 months)	
	2	Compulsory military or community service	
	3	Not employed, actively looking for a job	
		Not employed, not looking actively for a job because of:	
	4	Family responsibilities	
	5	Participation in non-formal education	
	6	Voluntary activities	
	7	Health problems	
	8	Other reasons	
9	Not applicable		
	Blank	No answer	
232/237		Weighting factor for the LFS module 2009 (optional)	Everybody aged 15-34
	0000-9999	Columns 232-235 contain whole numbers	
	00-99	Columns 236-237 contain decimal places	
238 (PARNAT)		Nationality at birth of parents (optional)	Everybody aged 15-34
		For coding, see ISO country classification	
	9999	Not applicable	
	Blank	No answer	