

Question in Project:

PIAAC-Longitudinal (PIAAC-L) 2016 - Acquisition of Competencies (English Version)

Question Topic:

Social demographics

Construct:

Highest general school-leaving certificate

General Information:

Note: This item was tested in German. This is an English translation of the original German wording. The translation does not correspond exactly to the wording in the English [PIAAC source questionnaire](#).

Question Text:

What is the highest general school-leaving certificate you have?

Please tell me using list 1.

[Welchen höchsten allgemeinbildenden Schulabschluss haben Sie?

Bitte sagen Sie es mir anhand der Liste 1.]

Instruction:

INT: Show list 1. *[INT: Liste 1 vorlegen.]*

Answer Categories:

1 Dropped out of school without having finished primary school *[Von der Schule abgegangen, ohne die Grundschule beendet zu haben]*

2 Leaving school without a secondary school-leaving certificate (basic primary and secondary school-leaving certificate), but after finishing elementary school *[For German translation see pdf-File]*

3 Secondary school-leaving certificate (basic primary and secondary school-leaving certificate) *[Hauptschulabschluss (Volksschulabschluss)]*

4 Intermediate school-leaving certificate *[Realschulabschluss (Mittlere Reife)]*

5 Leaving the polytechnic secondary school after the 8th grade (after 1965) *[Abgang von der Polytechnischen Oberschule nach der 8. Klasse (nach 1965)]*

- 6 Leaving the polytechnic secondary school after the 10th grade (before 1965: 8th grade) [*Abgang von der Polytechnischen Oberschule nach der 10. Klasse (vor 1965: 8. Klasse)*]
- 7 Advanced technical college entrance qualification, completion of technical secondary school [*Fachhochschulreife, Abschluss Fachoberschule*]
- 8 General or subject-related higher education entrance qualification / "Abitur" (Gymnasium or EOS, EOS with apprenticeship) [*Allgemeine oder fachgebundene Hochschulreife / Abitur (Gymnasium bzw. EOS, EOS mit Lehre)*]
- 9 Evening school: "Abitur" or higher education entrance qualification [*Abendschule: Abitur oder Hochschulreife*]
- 10 A foreign school-leaving certificate [*Einen ausländischen Schulabschluss*]
- 11 A different school-leaving certificate [*Einen anderen Schulabschluss*]
- 12 I do not yet have a general school-leaving certificate, I still go to school (e.g. secondary modern school, intermediate school, Gymnasium) [*For German translation see pdf-File*]

Cognitive Techniques:

Emergent Probing

Findings for Question:

This question was asked to all 18 test persons. Five test persons (TP 11, 12, 13, 17, 18) state that their highest general school-leaving certificate is the secondary modern school-leaving certificate or basic primary and secondary school-leaving certificate. Four test persons (TP 01, 02, 03, 05) state that their highest general school-leaving certificate is the intermediate school-leaving certificate or "Mittlere Reife". The remaining nine test persons (TP 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 14, 15, 16) choose the general or subject-related higher education entrance qualification or "Abitur" (Gymnasium or EOS, EOS with apprenticeship) as their highest general school-leaving certificate.

In order to answer the question, the test persons were presented with the above list of twelve different highest general school-leaving qualifications. No difficulties worth mentioning arise when answering the question using this list and all test persons can easily assign themselves to a corresponding category. It is only noticeable that the two test persons 12 and 17 answered the question immediately and that the list was superfluous in these cases.

Recommendations:

Question: No changes recommended.

Answer options: No changes recommended.