

Section 1: Demographic Data

This section asks for your basic descriptive information, such as age, gender, education and nationality.

Question 1

How old are you?

This is a straightforward question that asks for your age in years.

Question 2

What gender are you?

This is another fairly straightforward question. There are three options given, and it is up to you to decide which option best applies.

Question 3

What country were you born in?

This question is asking specifically what country you were born in, as it appears on your birth certificate. It does not necessarily have to be the country you identify as your home country or your country of citizenship. If you do not know what country you were born in, you can write this in the space provided for ***other-please specify***.

Question 3a

What region in this country were you born in?

This is an optional question, therefore you can skip it if you feel uncomfortable answering it. It is asking what state or province within your birth country you were born in, not a larger geographical region such as South-East Asia. Providing the name of the city or town is also a suitable answer.

Question 4

What country would you identify as your home country?

The term ***home country*** does not necessarily refer to your birth country, country of citizenship or what country your passport is issued; but instead what country, on a personal level, you identify yourself with. Further questions that mention your *home country* are a direct reference to what country you answer with in this question.

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Question 5

What languages do you speak at work?

This question is asking you what languages you use to speak with your employers, work colleagues and clients at work. It does not have to mean fluency or the ability to read in that language. If you can use a language well enough to communicate with people at your workplace it can be selected as an answer.

Question 6

How well do you speak English?

This question aims to determine your ability to use English in everyday situations. There are no set criteria on what speaking English **well** or **very well** involves but the following can be used as a general rule of thumb:

Very well: Rarely has difficulty being understood when speaking English.

Well: Sometimes has difficulty being understood when speaking English.

Not Well: Often has difficulty being understood when speaking English.

I don't speak English: Does not have any ability to communicate in English

Question 7

What is your present relationship status?

Registered married means that you are legally married either in Australia or another country. **De facto** means you have an intimate partner but are not legally married. **Divorced** means you are legally divorced from a spouse. If you no longer interact or live with a spouse but are not legally divorced then you can be described as **separated but not divorced**. If you feel that none of the selection of answers applies, then you can describe your status in the space provided for **other-please specify**. If more than one answer applies (i.e. you are widowed but are currently in a de facto relationship) you should choose which answer *best* describes your relationship status.

Question 8

How many children do you have?

This question asks for the number of child dependents you have. This can include not only biological children, but also any children that you care for by providing financial or emotional support (e.g. stepchildren, adopted children, or other children in the extended family). **Question 8a** ask you, if you have children, how many of them are less than 14 years.

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Question 9

What is the highest level qualification you have completed?

This question refers to qualifications received from educational institutions either in Australia or overseas.

Section 2: Migration Experience

This section of the survey explores your experiences as a migrant to Australia. If you were born in Australia you will be asked to skip some of these questions.

Question 10

What country were you living in before you arrived in Australia?

This question refers to the country you were living in directly before moving to Australia, and not necessarily the country you lived the longest in or your home country. The aim of this question is to determine paths of migration. If you select the answer ***I have only lived in Australia*** you are asked to skip to question 14, as questions 11 to 13 are specific to migrant sex workers.

Question 10a

What region in this country were you living in?

This is an optional question, therefore you can skip it if you feel uncomfortable answering it. This question is asking for the state or province within the country you were living in. It is not asking which general region the country is located in (i.e. Oceania). Providing the name of a city or town is also acceptable.

Question 11

What was your main occupation before coming to Australia?

This question refers to your *main* occupation before you arrived in Australia. This can include the last occupation you held before moving to Australia, the occupation you held for the longest time period; or, if you worked more than one job at one time, the occupation that you worked the most hours per week or the one you earned the most from.

Question 12

What are the main reasons you left your home country?

This question is asking you why you decided to leave your home country (as determined in question 4). It is not asking for the reasons you chose to move to Australia.

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Question 13

Have you ever done sex work in a country other than Australia?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question is asking you whether you have worked as a sex worker in a country other than Australia. If you answer *yes*, **Question 13a** asks you to list the countries in which you worked as a sex worker other than Australia.

Question 14

Is this the first time you have done sex work in Australia?

This question is asking whether you have worked as a sex worker in Australia at another time and then returned to it after working in a different job or working as a sex worker in another country.

Question 15

Did you do any of the following to help you enter Australia?

This question is asking what you did to enter Australia (including meeting the requirements for an Australian visa) or to obtain the help of an individual to enter Australia.

Question 16

How do you spend the majority of your income?

This question is asking you what you spend your income on.

Question 16a

If you ticked Pay debts in Australia or Pay debts in home country was this debt incurred by travelling to Australia or securing your current job?

This question asks whether you are in debt from; the costs of travelling to Australia; payments to agents, employers, or any other persons who helped you to secure a visa or a job in Australia; any payments involved in entering Australia (i.e. immigration costs) and the costs involved in setting yourself up once you arrived.

Question 17*

Who helped you to secure your visa?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question is asking you which individuals helped you to secure a visa to Australia. *Help* can involve organising paperwork, speaking to people on your behalf, lending money or paying travel expenses.

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Question 18*

Were the people who helped you secure your visa based in Australia?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question is asking whether the people who helped you to secure a visa normally live inside or outside of Australia. **Question 18a** asks you to list the countries where the people referred to in question 18 were based if they were outside Australia.

Question 19

Were you accompanied by any of the following people when you travelled to Australia?

‘Accompanied’ includes individuals who either officially escorted you or informally travelled with you at any stage of their journey to Australia from the previous country they were living in.

Question 20

What is your intended length of stay?

This question is asking how long you plan to live and work in Australia.

Question 21

Do you think you will want to come back to Australia to work again?

This question asks whether you want to return to Australia to work after your visa runs out. This can include returning to Australia to work in a different profession. If you select *No*, **Question 21a** asks you to list your reasons for not wanting to work in Australia again.

Question 22

Did you come to Australia instead of a country in the following regions?

This question asks whether you ever considered moving to another region of the world other than Australia. This does not necessarily mean whether you made any advanced arrangements, simply whether you thought about moving somewhere other than Australia.

Question 23

Why did you come to Australia?

This question is asking why you specifically chose Australia to live and work, not why you decided to leave your home country or the country you were previously living in.

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Question 24

How much did it cost for you to travel (including airfares), enter and start working in Australia?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question asks about the costs of travelling to Australia; payment to agents, employers, or any other people who helped you to secure a visa or a job in Australia; any payments involved in entering Australia (i.e. immigration costs) and the costs involved in setting yourself up once they arrived. These costs could have been borrowed or paid up-front. It is important that you indicate what currency your answer refers to.

Question 25

Is your current income in Australia better than in your home country?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question you to rate how your current income in Australia compares to what you were earning in your home country. If you did not work in your home country, you can answer by rating how your current income in Australia compares to what you would receive for doing the same job in your home country.

Question 26

Are you satisfied with your income in Australia?

This question asks whether you are happy with how much you are currently earning in Australia.

Section 3: What kind of situation are you working in Australia in?

The questions in this section ask about your work environment and conditions of employment. This covers areas such as the number of days and hours worked; the number of clients seen; wages and methods of payment; your personal view of your working conditions and whether you have had any negative experiences with people at your workplace.

Question 27

On average, how many hours do you work most days?

This answer only requires an estimate of the hours you work on a workday.

Question 28

On average, how many days do you work in most weeks?

Similar to question 27, the answer to this question only requires an estimate of the number of days you work in a week.

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Question 29

On average, how many clients do you see most weeks?

Similar to questions 27 and 28, this requires you to provide an estimate of the number of clients you see a week.

Question 30

If you had a choice, would you change the number of clients you see?

This question is asking if it was up to you alone, whether you would change the number of clients that you see.

Question 31

What type of workplace are you in?

This question asks you to indicate, out of a list of different types of workplaces found within the sex industry, what type you currently work in. More than one answer can be selected as some workplaces may classify as more than one type.

Question 32

Do you get paid regularly?

This question is asking whether your workplace uses a process that ensures employees are paid frequently, on a fixed day and the full amount expected. **Question 32a** asks you to describe any irregular method or amount of payment your workplace may use.

Question 33

What proportion of your wage do you personally receive?

Personally receive means the percentage of money that you receive, either cash in hand or transferred into your personal bank account, out of the total amount that you earn.

Question 34

How do your current working conditions (i.e. treatment by co-workers and clients, wages, living arrangements, hours and amount of work etc.) compare to what you expected them to be?

This question is asking you to rate whether your current working conditions are what you expected them to be before you moved to Australia or before you started working in the sex industry in Australia.

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Question 35

If you have ever been on contract for sex work in Australia, did your actual working conditions reflect the terms of this contract?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question is asking if you have ever worked on a contract in Australia, whether your working conditions were consistent with the terms of your contract.

Question 36

Do you have easy access to your passport?

Easy access means that you can access your passport whenever you choose.

Question 37

Does your workplace allow you to refuse clients?

This question asks if you can, in practice, refuse a client if you choose to.

Question 38

Out of your own money, which of the following does your workplace charge you for?

This question refers to any items you have to pay for out of your income.

Question 39

Have you experienced any of the following in the workplace?

To answer this question you need to select the boxes if you have experienced any of the situations listed in the rows from the range of individuals/organisations listed in the columns. For example, if you have experienced support from a sex worker organisation, then you can select the box in the row titled ***support*** under the column titled ***sex worker organisation***.

Question 40

What advice would you give to someone considering coming to Australia for sex work?

This is another optional question so if you feel uncomfortable answering it you can skip it. This question seeks an answer based on your personal knowledge with the aim to determine the ways migrant sex workers can avoid bad experiences when entering and working in Australia.

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Section 4: Occupational Health and Safety

The five questions in this section attempt to cover broad issues concerning your workplace environment, including condom use, any contact with the authorities and knowledge of workplace rights.

Question 41

What are the racial backgrounds of most of the clients you see?

This question asks you to indicate the ethnic background of the majority of your clients, which can be based on the client's appearance or your personal knowledge.

Question 42

Are there reasons why you wouldn't use condoms while working?

This question is asking whether there are any reasons why you wouldn't use a condom while working.

Question 43

Have you ever been arrested by the police for sex work in Australia?

Sex work is legal in some states and territories in Australia, so this question is asking whether you have been arrested for any criminal offence that is in some way 'related' to your work. For example, it may be possible for a sex worker in South Australia or Queensland to be arrested for loitering while working, in this case they could answer **Yes** for this question. 'Arrested' does not include any charges laid.

Question 44

Have you ever had Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) come to your workplace?

This question asks whether a representative from DIAC has visited your workplace.

Question 45

The term ***conditionally agree*** as used in this question means that you agree with the statement but only in certain situations.

Section 5: Access to Services and Information

This section asks about your knowledge of, perception of and use of services specific to the needs of migrant sex workers, such as sexual health clinics, sex worker organisations and interpreter services.

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Question 46

Please indicate whether you have heard of and would use any of the organisations and services in Australia listed below.

To answer this question please select the services and organisations you have heard of and select the services and organisations you would go to if the need arose.

Question 47

What are the reasons for any difficulties you've had in accessing any of the organisations or services that are listed above?

This question is asking you to identify difficulties you've had in accessing the listed organisations or services.

Question 48

Please circle the main place you would contact for the issues listed in the following table.

To answer this question you should select the people/organisations/authorities in each row that you would go to for information and support if confronted by the issues listed. For example, if you would turn to the police and friends if involved with a criminal incident, you should select **police** and **friends** in the row titled **involvement with a criminal incident**.

Question 49

What do you think of interpreter services in Australia?

This question asks you to rate the quality of interpreter services based on any use. This may involve the ease of access, quality of work and the quality customer service that you have experienced.

Question 50

Do you find it easy to access information and/or services in the language you mainly use at home?

This question is asking whether it is easy for you to access information or services. This includes any information or services the respondent needs to access in the course of their daily life.

Question 51

Where do you get your general information from in Australia?

General information can include general news events, information on health and education, information on legal or money matters etc.

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