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Questionnaire of the CTC-18 Base Survey (paper-and-pencil lookalike)

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The first set of questions is about your current work situation.

empl 1. Are you currently engaged in paid employment (including self-employment and scholarship)?

- ₁ Yes
₀ No

notemplstart 2. Since when have you been non-employed (i.e. not engaged in paid employment)?

if Q1 = 0

☞ Input format: mm/yyyy (example: 07/2018)

if JavaScript is not activated


[date: mm/yyyy] 

notemplreas 3. Why are you currently not employed?

if Q1 = 0

- ₁ (Further) education/training
₂ Family obligations (household, children, etc.)
₃ Travelling or language stay
₄ Health problems
₅ Transition between jobs
₆ Unemployment
₇ Other, please specify:

notemplreasoth



jobnum 4. Do you have one or several jobs?

if Q1 ≠ 0

- ₁ One job
₂ Several jobs

Please answer the following questions for your PRIMARY job (unless stated otherwise).

if Q4 ≠ 1

occup 5. What kind of work do you do, that is, what is your occupation?

if Q1 ≠ 0

☞ For example: climatologist, political scientist, neurosurgeon.

☞ Please type your (primary) occupation as precisely as possible (e.g. "biologist" instead of "postdoc" or "researcher"). A list of possible occupations will be displayed depending on the text you type. If one of the entries matches your occupation, please select that entry. **If no appropriate entry is found, type your answer and continue without making a selection.**

[Autocomplete: Occupation...]



profstatus 6. What is your current professional status?

if Q1 ≠ 0

☞ Please answer for your **primary** job.

if Q4 ≠ 1

- ₁ Trainee
₂ Employee without leadership/managerial responsibilities
₃ Employee with leadership/managerial responsibilities
₄ Self-employed without employees
₅ Self-employed with employees

emplnum

↳ Number of employees:

supervis 7. Do you have a supervisory function? if Q6 = 3
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1

₁ Yes
₀ No

supervisnum ↳ Number of persons that report to you:

budget 8. Do you have budget responsibility (e.g. as project manager/managing director)? if Q6 = 3
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1

₁ Yes
₀ No

budgetnum ↳ What is your current annual budget (excluding your wage)?

*If possible, please provide the value in **Swiss francs (CHF)**. Alternatively, if you provide a value in another currency, please include the currency in the field (e.g. "1000 EUR", "1000 USD").*

emplstart 9. {When did you start your current job? | When did you start your current business?} if Q1 ≠ 0
 Input format: mm/yyyy (example: 07/2018) if JavaScript is not activated
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1 & Q6 ≠ 4, 5

emplplace 10. {In which country are you employed? | In which country is your business located?} if Q1 ≠ 0
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1 & Q6 ≠ 4, 5
 Start typing and select an entry from the displayed list. **If no appropriate entry is found, type your answer and continue without making a selection.**

sector 11. Do you work in the public sector or in the private sector? if Q6 ≠ 4, 5
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1

₁ Public sector
₂ Private non-profit sector
₃ Private for-profit sector

contract 12. Are you employed on a permanent or a fixed-term contract? if Q6 ≠ 4, 5
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1

₁ Permanent contract
₂ Fixed-term contract

contractnum ↳ Total duration of current contract (in months):

workreport 13. Do you have to report your working hours to your employer? if Q6 ≠ 4, 5
 Please answer for your **primary** job. if Q4 ≠ 1

₁ Yes
₀ No

14. Can you compensate overtime?

if Q13 ≠ 0

☞ Check all that apply. Please also answer "yes" if the number of hours you can compensate is capped.

☞ Please answer for your **primary** job.

if Q4 ≠ 1

- overtime ₁ Yes, by taking time off
 overtimepay ₂ Yes, by claiming extra pay
 overtime ₃ No

15. What is your contractual work-time percentage? (full-time = 100 percent)

if Q1 ≠ 0

☞ If you are self-employed, please indicate the work-time percentage that would be appropriate if you would hire someone to do your job.

- workpercmain Work-time percentage:

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 % if Q4 ≠ 2
 workpercmain Work-time percentage in primary job:

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 % if Q4 = 2
 workpercoth Work-time percentage in other job(s):

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 % if Q4 = 2

16. In a typical week, about how many hours do you work (including the weekend)?

if Q1 ≠ 0

☞ Please indicate the average number of hours you typically work per week for your job. We are interested in your actual working time, not the contractual working time.

- workhmain Number of hours:

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if Q4 ≠ 2
 workhmain Number of hours in primary job:

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if Q4 = 2
 workhoth Number of hours in other job(s):

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if Q4 = 2

17. What are your annual gross earnings?

if Q1 ≠ 0

☞ If possible, please provide the value in **Swiss francs (CHF)**. Alternatively, if you provide a value in another currency, please include the currency in the field (e.g. "1000 EUR", "1000 USD").

- incmain Annual gross earnings (including social security contributions, 13th month salary, paid overtime, bonuses, etc.)

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if Q4 ≠ 2
 incmain Annual gross earnings in primary job (including social security contributions, 13th month salary, paid overtime, bonuses, etc.)

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if Q4 = 2
 incoth Annual gross earnings in other job(s) (including social security contributions, 13th month salary, paid overtime, bonuses, etc.)

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if Q4 = 2
 incextra Annual extra income (from mandates, royalties, expert activities, extra teaching, etc.)

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The following questions are about your academic research activities.

if Q1 ≠ 0

research 18. In your current {job | jobs | job(s)}, do you conduct academic research?

if Q1 ≠ 0

- ₁ Yes if Q4 ≠ 2
₁ Yes, in both my primary job and my other job(s) if Q4 = 2
₂ Yes, but only in my primary job if Q4 = 2
₃ Yes, but only in my other job(s) if Q4 = 2
₄ No

19. Of your total work time {in your current academic job | in your current academic jobs | if Q18 ≠ 4 | in your current academic job(s) | [empty]}, how much time do you spend on research and how much on other activities?

Please indicate the share of time you spend for each activity as a percentage. The total should sum up to 100 percent.

activityres	Research (conducting research, writing papers and proposals, attending conferences, etc.; <u>excluding</u> research-related administrative activities)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
activityteach	Teaching (preparing and giving classes/lectures, supervising students, etc.)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
activityadmin	Administrative duties (accounting, personnel administration, marketing, etc.)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
activityclin	Clinical activities	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
activityoth	Other activities	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %

20. In what type of research institution do you conduct academic research?

if Q18 ≠ 4

*Please answer for your **primary** academic job.*

if Q4 ≠ 1 & Q18 ≠ 2, 3

- ₁ University or (university) hospital
- ₂ ETHZ, EPFL
- ₃ ETH research institute (PSI, WSL, Empa, Eawag)
- ₄ Other higher education institution (e.g. university of applied sciences/university of teacher education)
- ₅ Other public research institute/organization
- ₆ Private research institute/organization
- ₇ Research division in a corporation or NGO
- ₈ Other, please specify:

institoth

21. What position do you have in this institution?

if Q18 ≠ 4

*Please answer for your **primary** academic job.*

if Q4 ≠ 1 & Q18 ≠ 2, 3

- ₁ Doctoral student / PhD
- ₂ Junior researcher / Postdoc
- ₃ Senior researcher
- ₄ Research associate / Scientific collaborator
- ₅ Lecturer / Reader
- ₆ Medical resident / Assistant doctor
- ₈ Assistant professor without tenure track or similar
- ₉ Assistant professor with tenure track or similar
- ₁₀ Associate professor or similar
- ₁₁ Full professor or similar
- ₁₂ Other, please specify:

positionoth

22. Since the start of your current {job | academic job | academic jobs | academic job(s)}, did you conduct any research visits or exchanges (1 month or longer) at another university or research institute? if Q18 ≠ 4

Check all that apply.

- ₁ Yes, in the same country
↳ Total time in months:
- ₂ Yes, in another country
↳ Total time in months:
- ₃ No

The following questions concern your doctorate/PhD.

phdstart 23. When did you start your doctorate/PhD?

Input format: mm/yyyy (example: 07/2018)

if JavaScript is not activated

[date: mm/yyyy]

₁ I did not do a doctorate/PhD.

phdend 24. When did you finish your doctorate/PhD (date of defense/exam)?

if Q23 ≠ 1

Input format: mm/yyyy (example: 07/2018)

if JavaScript is not activated

[date: mm/yyyy]

₁ I haven't finished my doctorate/PhD yet.

phdplace 25. In which country was your doctorate/PhD awarded?

if Q24 ≠ 1

Start typing and select an entry from the displayed list. **If no appropriate entry is found, type your answer and continue without making a selection.**

[Autocomplete: Country...]

phddiscipline 26. Please indicate the research domain/discipline that best corresponds to your doctorate/PhD. if Q24 ≠ 1

Start typing and select an entry from the displayed list. **If no appropriate entry is found, type your answer and continue without making a selection.**

[Autocomplete: Research domain / Discipline...]

phdunirank 27. From which university did you receive your doctorate/PhD?

if Q24 ≠ 1

Start typing and select an entry from the displayed list. **If no appropriate entry is found, type your answer and continue without making a selection.**

[Autocomplete: University...]

phdformat 28. What was the format of your dissertation?

if Q24 ≠ 1

- ₁ Book or monograph
- ₂ Individual articles/papers (cumulative dissertation)
↳ Number of articles/papers:
- ₃ Other, please specify:

phdformatoth

phdgrade 29. Please indicate the qualification/grade you obtained with this doctorate/PhD.

if Q24 ≠ 1

- ₁ Passed (if no particular grading)
- ₂ Summa cum laude, excellent, 6 (Switzerland), <1 (Germany), or equivalent
- ₃ Insigni cum laude, very good, 5.5 (Switzerland), or equivalent
- ₄ Magna cum laude, good, 5 (Switzerland), 1 (Germany), or equivalent
- ₅ Cum laude, satisfactory, 4.5 (Switzerland), 2 (Germany), or equivalent
- ₆ Rite, pass, 4 (Switzerland), 3 (Germany), or equivalent


phdprize 30. Have you received a scientific prize or award for your dissertation (or a single paper of your dissertation)?

if Q24 ≠ 1

- ₁ Yes
- ₀ No

31. Which sources of income were available to you during your doctorate/PhD?


if Q24 ≠ 1

 Check all that apply.

- phdincgrant ₁ Individual grant or program to promote young researchers (e.g. funded by the SNSF, ERC, or a foundation)
- phdincproj ₂ Employment within a research project (e.g. funded by the SNSF, ERC, or a foundation)
- phdincassist ₃ Position as assistant or similar (without specific third-party funding) at a university or research institute
- phdincmed ₄ Employment as medical resident/assistant doctor
- phdincemplrdoc ₅ Employment outside of university or research institute with relation to the doctorate/PhD
- phdincemplnrdoc ₆ Employment outside of university or research institute without relation to the doctorate/PhD
- phdincloan ₇ Loan (from a bank, family, partner, friends, etc.)
- phdincoth ₈ Other, please specify:
- phdincothspec

32. During your doctorate/PhD did you complete any research or study visits of 3 months or longer at another university or research institute?

if Q24 ≠ 1

 Check all that apply.

- phdvisithome ₁ Yes, in the same country
- phdvisitabroad ₂ Yes, in another country
- phdvisitno ₃ No

In the following, we are interested in your occupational history since you completed your doctorate/PhD.

histempl 33. Between the completion of your doctorate/PhD {{(<phdend>}} and the start of your current {job | period of non-employment} reported above {{(<emplstart> | (<notemplstart> | [empty])}, what jobs did you have?

if Q24 ≠ 1 & > 1 month between Q24 and Q2/Q9

- ₁ Mostly jobs involving academic research
- ₂ Mostly jobs NOT involving academic research
- ₃ Both about equally (jobs involving and jobs NOT involving academic research)
- ₄ None, current job started right after doctorate/PhD
- ₅ None, I have not been engaged in paid employment in this period

34. Where were these jobs?

if Q33 = 1, 2, 3

Please also include research visits and exchanges (1 month or longer) during which your contract at your home institution kept running.

Check all that apply.

- histemplphd _1 In the same institution where I did my doctorate/PhD
 histemplphdnum → Total time in months:
- histemplhome _2 In a different institution in the same country where I did my doctorate/PhD
 histemplhomenum → Total time in months:
- histemplabroad _3 In a country other than the one where I did my doctorate/PhD
 histemplabroadnum → Total time in months:

35. Did you (mainly) have fixed-term or permanent contracts in these jobs?

if Q33 = 1, 2, 3

- _1 Mainly fixed-term
- _2 Mainly permanent
- _3 Both about equally
- _4 Not applicable, did not have an employment contract

36. Were you (mainly) working full-time or part-time in these employments?

if Q33 = 1, 2, 3

- _1 Mainly full-time (full-time = 90 percent or more)
- _2 Mainly part-time
- _3 Both about equally

37. Between the completion of your doctorate/PhD and the start of your period of non-employment reported above, did you have any additional periods of non-employment (e.g. family obligations, transition between jobs, unemployment) of 1 month or longer?

if Q33 = 1, 2, 3

- histnotempl _1 Yes
 histnotemplnum → Total time in months:
- _0 No

38. Why were you not employed?

if Q33 = 5 or Q37 = 1

Check all that apply.

- histnotempledu _1 (Further) education/training
- histnotemplfam _2 Family obligations (household, children, etc.)
- histnotempltrav _3 Travelling/language stay
- histnotemplhealth _4 Health problems
- histnotempljobs _5 Transition between jobs
- histnotemplunempl _6 Unemployment
- histnotemplcloth _7 Other, please specify:

The following questions are about your career prospects and aspirations.

39. When you think of your future career, how important are the following aspects to you?

		Not im- portant at all				Very im- portant
impsecjob	To have a secure job.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impsalary	To earn a high salary.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impcareerprosp	To have good career prospects.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impprestige	To work at a prestigious univer- sity/institution/company.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impcolleg	To work together with renowned colleagues.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impinfra	To be provided with good equipment and infrastruc- ture by the employer.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impcntry	To work in the same country as I work/live in now.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
imppart	To be able to work part-time.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impworklife	To be able to reconcile work and family life.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impothact	To be able to reconcile work with other activities (e.g. professional sport, travel).	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

40. And how important are the following aspects for your future career?

		Not im- portant at all				Very im- portant
impexp	To work within my area of expertise.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impqualif	To be able to use my specialist qualifications at work.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impidea	To have a job where I can put my own ideas into practice.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impview	To have work that corresponds to my own views and convictions.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impdevelop	To be able to develop myself further in my subject area at work.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
impcareercont	To continue my academic career.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

aspiration 41. Concerning your future career, what position would you aspire most?

- ₁ Full tenured professorship
- ₂ Other leading management position
- ₃ Other leading research position
- ₄ Other permanent teaching position
- ₅ Other, please specify:

aspirationoth

42. Please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements:

		Do not agree at all			Fully agree
sciecentr	Scientific work is a central part of my life.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sciedemands	I am confident that I am able to meet the demands of an academic career.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sciecommit	I have a strong commitment to scientific work.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sciemoostimp	The most important things that I experience are re- lated to scientific work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next section contains questions about yourself and your life situation.


partner 43. Do you currently have a partner?

- ₁ Yes
- ₀ No

marital 44. What is your marital status?

- ₁ Single (never married and never in a registered partnership)
- ₂ Married
- ₃ Married, but legally separated
- ₄ Divorced
- ₅ Widowed
- ₆ Registered partnership
- ₇ Registered partnership dissolved
- ₈ Registered partner passed away


children 45. Do you have children?

 Please include children who have reached the age of majority.


- ₁ Yes
 - ₀ No
- childrennum ↳ Number of children:

46. When {was your child | were these children} born?

if Q45 = 1

 Input format: yyyy (example: 2018)

if JavaScript is not activated

 Please enter the birth {year | years}.

child1 1st child: 

child2 2nd child: 

if Q45n > 1

child3 3rd child: 

if Q45n > 2

child4 4th child: 

if Q45n > 3

child5 5th child: 

if Q45n > 4

child6 6th child: 

if Q45n > 5

child7 7th child: 

if Q45n > 6


child8 8th child: 

if Q45n > 7

child9 9th child: 

if Q45n > 8

47. Apart from you, who else lives in your household?

 Check all that apply.

livsitpartner ₁ Spouse / Partner

livsitchildren ₂ Children

livsitadult ₃ Other adults

livsitalone ₄ No one, I live alone

chores 48. In your household, who is responsible for domestic work (cleaning, cooking, laundry, shopping, home maintenance, etc.)?

₁ Mostly/Only me

₂ Me and other household members in equal parts

if Q47 ≠ 4

₃ Mostly/Only someone else from the same household

if Q47 ≠ 4

₄ Mostly/Only a third party (e.g. cleaning staff)

childcarediv 49. Between you and the other parent, how do you share childcare responsibility?

if Q45 = 1

₁ I am solely responsible.

₂ I am mostly responsible.

₃ We share the responsibility in equal parts.

₄ The other parent is mostly responsible.

₅ The other parent is solely responsible.

₆ No childcare necessary

childcarenum 50. On how many half-days per week (excluding the weekend and excluding evenings) do you personally look after your children?

if Q49 ≠ 5, 6

 The maximum is 10 half-days.

Number of half-days:

51. In a typical week, who else looks after your children?

if Q49 ≠ 6

Check all that apply.

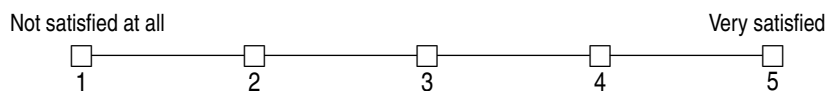
- childcarefam ₁ Other family or household members (excluding you and the other parent)
- childcareext ₂ External daycare/dayschool
- childcarenanny ₃ Au-pair or nanny at your own home
- childcarebabys ₄ Babysitter
- childcareoth ₅ Other, please specify:
- childcareothspec
- childcareeno ₆ No one else

52. Do you have any of the following caring responsibilities?

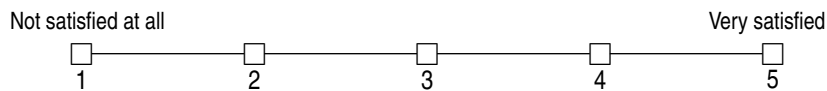
Check all that apply.

- carechild ₁ Care for children, other than the above mentioned if Q45 = 1
- carechild ₁ Care for children if Q45 ≠ 1
- careelder ₂ Elder care
- caredisab ₃ Adult with disability
- careoth ₄ Other, please specify:
- careothspec
- careno ₅ No, I do not have such caring responsibilities.

lifesat 53. In general, how satisfied are you with your life?



worklife 54. And how satisfied are you with your work-life-balance?



mother 55. What is the highest educational degree of your mother?

- ₁ Compulsory education
- ₂ Secondary vocational education and training (apprenticeship) (in Switzerland: Berufslehre, Handelsmittelschule, apprentissage, école supérieure de commerce, or similar)
- ₃ Secondary general education (high school) (in Switzerland: Berufsmaturität, gymnasiale Maturität, Diplom-/Fachmittelschule, Lehrerseminar, maturité professionnelle, maturité gymnasiale, école de degré diplôme, école de culture générale, écoles normales, or similar)
- ₄ Tertiary vocational education (advanced technical and professional training) (in Switzerland: Meisterdiplom, Eidg. Fachausweis, Höhere Fachschule, diplôme de maîtrise, brevet fédéral, école professionnelle supérieure, or similar)
- ₅ Tertiary academic education (college, university, university of applied sciences) (in Switzerland: University/ETH/EPF, Fachhochschule, Pädagogische Hochschule, haute école spécialisée, haute école pédagogique, or similar)
- ₆ Doctoral degree

father 56. What is the highest educational degree of your father?

- ₁ Compulsory education
- ₂ Secondary vocational education and training (apprenticeship) (in Switzerland: Berufslehre, Handelsmittelschule, apprentissage, école supérieure de commerce, or similar)
- ₃ Secondary general education (high school) (in Switzerland: Berufsmaturität, gymnasiale Maturität, Diplom-/Fachmittelschule, Lehrerseminar, maturité professionnelle, maturité gymnasiale, école de degré diplôme, école de culture générale, écoles normales, or similar)
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- ₅ Tertiary academic education (college, university, university of applied sciences) (in Switzerland: University/ETH/EPF, Fachhochschule, Pädagogische Hochschule, haute école spécialisée, haute école pédagogique, or similar)
- ₆ Doctoral degree

comments 57. If there is anything else you would like to say, please share your thoughts in the field below.