Collection Statement for ACT School Leaver Longitudinal Survey 2025

Background and purpose

The ACT School Leaver Survey is a survey of young people, or parents of young people, who have recently left school. This survey is being run by the Social Research Centre on behalf of the ACT Education Directorate.

The ACT School Leavers Survey is tailored to gather feedback from students who have recently completed their schooling, including those in Year 12 and below, in the Australian Capital Territory. This survey is designed to understand the satisfaction levels and outcomes of school leavers who have participated in government- subsidised training.

The survey is conducted to find out what young people who left school in recent years are doing now. This will provide important information to help the ACT Government and schools plan future programs and provide better services for young people in the ACT. The survey includes questions about satisfaction with school, current study and employment. We will only use the information you provide for this specific purpose.

This survey/ research should take around 10-15 minutes to complete. Participation in this research is voluntary. You can choose not to answer any question. You can decide to stop at any time.

Who is conducting the research?

The Social Research Centre has been engaged by the ACT Education to conduct the research.

Your contact details were provided to us via school administrative records. In May-June 2023 you or a family member agreed to be contacted in 2025 and updated contact details, including email addresses, were collected at that time.

Information held and collected

All sensitive or personally identifiable information such as sample and data would be transferred using our Secure File Exchange.

Disclosure and use

The ACT Education Directorate is obliged to handle your personal information openly, transparently and in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the Information Privacy Act 2014. If you participate in the survey your personal information will be collected and handled by the Directorate and the Social Research Centre. The Social Research Centre Privacy Policy can be viewed online at https://srcentre.com.au/privacy-policy/.

If you have any questions about how we are protecting your privacy in relation to this survey, please contact the Social Research Centre Privacy Officer (privacy@srcentre.com.au) in the first instance. The Education Directorate also has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. You can view our privacy policy on the Directorate's website at https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policies.

At the end of the data collection process, names and contact details will be removed from the survey database. A reference number will remain as the primary identifier for use in public interest research projects.

Other matters

The Social Research Centre fully complies with the Australian Privacy Principles and all applicable privacy legislation. Our <u>privacy policy</u> contains general information on how the Social Research Centre protects your privacy rights. It also contains information about how we secure your data, how you can make a privacy-related complaint, access and correction of your information, and the general circumstances under which your information may be disclosed to overseas recipients.