

## PRE INTERVIEW INFORMATION

Interview # \_\_\_\_\_

1.0 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1.1 Interviewer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 Location of interview:

- Respondent's home
- Other- (Specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

**I just want to confirm that you meet the requirements for participating in this study.**

- Did you arrived in Canada after June 1, 1990 and before June 1, 2004
- Were you between 15 and 45 years of age (when you came)
- Are you currently employed at least 20 hours/week (average)
- And you are not a full time student in a 3 or 4-year undergraduate program

**Thanks again for agreeing to participate in this study.**

**As we discussed when we talked about the consent form, this research project is designed to gather information about the work experiences of Latin American and Caribbean immigrants in Toronto. It will be used to document the positive and negative experiences that people like you have had in Canada.**

**The interview should take approximately 2.5 hours. Are you ready to get started?**

**First I have a couple of preliminary questions.**

**1.3 What is your postal code? \_\_\_\_\_**

**1.4 How did you learn about the study?**

<sub>1</sub> Personal network (friend or acquaintance of interviewer)  
 <sub>2</sub> Random sample (door to door canvassing)  
 <sub>3</sub> Institutional referral (neighbourhood centre, settlement agency, etc)  
*Write details:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 <sub>4</sub> Business / Flyer  
*Write details:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 <sub>5</sub> Other  
*Write details:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 <sub>99</sub> Don't Know

## SECTION 1: FAMILY COMPOSITION

The interview begins with questions about you and your family.

**1.5 What is your marital status?** *(If currently single, confirm whether ever married since response category will vary, e.g. separate, etc.)*

- O<sub>1</sub> Single/Never married → go to 1.8
- O<sub>2</sub> Married
- O<sub>3</sub> Common law spouse or partner
- O<sub>4</sub> Divorced/separated
- O<sub>5</sub> Widowed
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused

**1.6 In what year were you married (Since what year have you been together)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**1.7 Did you know your partner/spouse before coming to Canada?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No

**1.8 Who are all of the people in your household that live here with you on a regular basis? I am interested in people who may or may not be relatives, but whom you live with as a family or household. Include unmarried partners and non-relatives if they are considered part of the household, but not roommates.**

Relationship to Respondent	Sex M/F	Age or Birth Year	Country of Birth	Primary Occupation	Year of Arrival in Canada
<b>Respondent</b>					
1.8.1	<i>(Write R's information first)</i>				
1.8.2					
1.8.3					
1.8.4					
1.8.5					
1.8.6					
1.8.7					
1.8.8					
1.8.9					
1.8.10					

**1.9 Besides the people you just mentioned, how many others live with you on a regular basis? For example, roommates, or another family that shares your dwelling with you?**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of people

**1.10 How much do you (and your family) pay for your housing, per month?** *(This can be with or without utilities, for rent or mortgage. We want the amount paid to the landlord or the bank)*






\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**1.11 What percent of your monthly income do you spend on housing?**

\_\_\_\_\_ %

**1.12 Can you tell me where your other close family members are living, that is, those not living with you in your dwelling? I'd like to know whether they are living somewhere else in this city, in Canada, your country of origin, the U.S., or somewhere else. Please include your parents, siblings, and all of your children, including children from a previous marriage.**

*THIS IS FOR CLOSE RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS TABLE. Indicate the number of sons, daughters, and siblings in each location. For others, only record location.*

	Relationship to Respondent	N.A. Refused	GTA	Canada	Country of Origin	U.S.A	Another country
1.12.1	Spouse or Partner	_____	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>5</sub>  _____
1.12.2	Father	_____	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>5</sub>  _____
1.12.3	Mother	_____	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>5</sub>  _____
1.12.4	Daughters #	_____	____1	____ 2	____ 3	____ 4	O <sub>5</sub>  _____
1.12.5	Sons #	_____	____1	____ 2	____ 3	____ 4	O <sub>5</sub>  _____
1.12.6	Siblings #	_____	____1	____ 2	____ 3	____ 4	O <sub>5</sub>  _____

**N.A** = the family member was already listed in Q. 1.8 or does not exist for whatever reason (e.g., dead, or respondent has no sons, or siblings.)

**Refuse** = the person doesn't want to talk about it


**Don't know** = does not know where family member lives

## SECTION 2: SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

### 2A Education and Training

Now, I would like to ask you a few questions about your education.

**2.1 What was your highest level of formal education before coming to Canada? *Not including ESL.***

- O<sub>1</sub> No formal education
- O<sub>2</sub> Elementary school (some or completed) 1-6
- O<sub>3</sub> Junior high school or vocational school (some or completed) 7-8
- O<sub>4</sub> High school or vocational school (some or completed) 9-12
- O<sub>5</sub> Post high school program (apprenticeship training, college [some or completed])
- O<sub>6</sub> Some university
- O<sub>7</sub> Bachelor's degree
- O<sub>8</sub> Professional degree (dentistry, medicine, veterinary, medicine, optometry, law, theology, etc.)
- O<sub>9</sub> Some graduate studies
- O<sub>10</sub> Master's
- O<sub>11</sub> Doctorate
- O<sub>12</sub> Other  \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**2.2 In total, how many years of formal schooling did you have before coming to Canada?**


\_\_\_\_\_ (# of years, starting with and including grade 1.) If number is 6 or less → go to 2.5

*If R has a spouse ask:*

**2.3 In total, how many years of formal schooling did your spouse have before coming to Canada?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (# of years, starting with and including grade 1.)

**2.4 What was your main field of study or specialization for your highest level of education attained outside of Canada? (I am referring to areas such as accounting, carpentry, civil engineering, legal secretary, etc.)**

- O<sub>1</sub> Field of study or specialization: →→...  \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>2</sub> No specific field of study
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused

**2.5 Do you have another area of specialization that you developed through life or work experience before coming to Canada, and if so, what is it?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Field of experience: →→...  \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>2</sub> No additional area of expertise
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused



**2.6 What is the highest level of formal education you have attained here in Canada? (not including ESL)**

O<sub>1</sub> None → Go to 2.9

O<sub>2</sub> High school or vocational school (some or completed) 9-12 →

**2.6.1 Did you go to High School in Canada during your first 4 years in the country?**

O1 Yes → **2.6.2 For how many years:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(# years)

O2 No

O<sub>3</sub> Post high school program (apprenticeship training, college [some or completed])

O<sub>4</sub> Some university

O<sub>5</sub> Bachelor's degree

O<sub>6</sub> Professional degree (dentistry, medicine, veterinary, medicine, optometry, law, theology etc)

O<sub>7</sub> Some graduate studies

O<sub>8</sub> Master's

O<sub>9</sub> Doctorate

O<sub>10</sub> Other




O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know

O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**2.7 In total, how many years of formal schooling have you had here in Canada? \_\_\_\_\_ (# years)**

**2.8 What was the main field of study or specialization for your highest level of education here in Canada? This might be something such as carpentry, civil engineering, accounting, or legal secretary, etc.**

- O<sub>1</sub> Field of study or specialization: →→ 2.8.1  \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>2</sub> No specific field of study
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable

**2.9 Are you currently enrolled in any type of educational institution or training course?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes→ **And what are you studying?**

\_\_\_\_\_

- O<sub>2</sub> No

**2.10 Over the course of your time in Canada, what other courses or training have you taken, if any? I am going to read you a list, please tell me which you have taken: (Read list, check all that apply)**

		Yes	No	N/A
1	<b>Have you done a course in Business English</b>			
2	<b>Have you taken courses or training <u>on the job</u> such as food safety, work safety, or machine operation</b>			
3	<b>Have you completed any certificated courses/ continuing education courses, outside of work (i.e. Early Childcare Assistant, Computer programming, Community worker program, etc.</b>			
4	<b>Have you tried to have your degree or professional credentials recognized in Canada</b>			
5	<b>Have you attended a resume clinic or other workshops at community centers, HRDC</b>			
6	<b>Taken ESL courses or ESD (English as a Second Dialect)</b>			

## 2B Work Experience in Home Country

I am going to ask a series of questions about how you made a living before coming to Canada.

### 2.11 Were you working in the year before you came to Canada?

(Can be wage work or unpaid family business)

O<sub>1</sub> Yes

O<sub>2</sub> No →

#### 2.11.1 Was this because you were...

O<sub>1</sub> Unemployed

O<sub>2</sub> Not expected to work (too young) → 2.17

O<sub>3</sub> In school → 2.17

O<sub>4</sub> Retired → 2.17

O<sub>5</sub> Homemaker → 2.17

O<sub>6</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2.12 What did you do for a living before coming to Canada? Write details of occupation(s). *Include formal and informal activities. What did R do exactly?*

### 2.13 In what sector were you working (C1)

*(Write details of sector; Use C1 codes to categorize and confirm with R)*

### 2.14 During the three years before coming to Canada, how many jobs did you have in total? \_\_\_\_\_ (total # jobs for entire period)

**2.15 During this period, were you self-employed?**

Yes

No

**2.16 During the three years before coming to Canada, did you belong to a union?**

Yes

No

**2.17 At the time, did you think you had opportunities for career advancement (either in that job, or in others)?**

Yes

No

N/A

**2.18 At the time, did you feel that you (and your family) had a reasonable income?**

Yes

No

N/A

## SECTION 3: MIGRATION HISTORY

### 3A Immigration

Now I would like to ask you about your migration history.

**3.1 In what month and year did you come to Canada to live? *If not here permanently, get month/year of last entry.***

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**3.2 What was your marital status at that time?**

- <sub>1</sub> Unmarried
- <sub>2</sub> Married
- <sub>3</sub> Common law spouse or partner
- <sub>4</sub> Divorced/separated
- <sub>5</sub> Widowed
- <sub>98</sub> Refused

**3.3 Did you enter the country alone?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No → **3.3.1 Whom did you come with?**

*(Probe for specifics on people)* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3.4 Is Toronto the first place you settled in Canada?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No → **3.4.1 - In what city and province did you first settle?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**3.5 In what year did you move to Toronto? \_\_\_\_\_**

**3.6 When you came to live in Canada what was your entrance status?**  
*(This is the year given in 3.1. Wait, listen, confirm category.)*

- O<sub>1</sub> No need for visa - Visitor (stamped here)
- O<sub>2</sub> Tourist visa (applied before coming)
- O<sub>3</sub> Student visa
- O<sub>4</sub> Landed immigrant → **Were you...**
  - O<sub>4.1</sub> Family class (at same time as main applicant)
  - O<sub>4.2</sub> Family sponsorship (not with the main applicant)
  - O<sub>4.3</sub> Independent immigrant (e.g. skilled worker)
  - O<sub>4.4</sub> Business immigrant
- O<sub>5</sub> Live-in domestic caregiver programme
- O<sub>6</sub> Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP)
- O<sub>7</sub> Other temporary worker visa
- O<sub>8</sub> Refugee claimant – at the border or airport
- O<sub>9</sub> Refugee – private or government sponsorship (overseas determination) *(can arrive with landing papers)*
- O<sub>10</sub> Undetected at border (waived through, not asked for papers)
- O<sub>11</sub> Used false ID to enter
- O<sub>12</sub> Smuggled in
- O<sub>13</sub> Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K (Don't Know)
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused

**3.7 Before that arrival, how often had you come to Canada?**

# of times: \_\_\_\_\_ *(if none, go to section 3-B)*

**3.8 How long was that stay, or the longest stay you had, before you came to live?**

\_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

**3.9 Did you work on any of those occasions?**


O<sub>1</sub> Yes

O<sub>2</sub> No →

O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know     O<sub>98</sub> Refused

### 3B Context of Departure & Networks

**3.10 Before coming to Canada, did you live in any countries other than your country of birth?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes → **3.10.1 Which?**  \_\_\_\_\_  
 O<sub>2</sub> No

**3.11 In what city and country were you living prior to coming to Canada?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**3.12 Now I would like to ask you about your reasons for leaving your country, and reasons for coming to Canada. Please indicate whether and how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Give R Cue Card #1)**

	Disagree strongly NO	Disagree	Neither Agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree YES	N.A.
I was young and came with my parents						
I came to join my spouse						
I came to study						
I was in personal danger, for political reasons						
Crime and violence had created a climate of insecurity in my country						
There was armed conflict in my country						
Political violence had nothing to do with my departure						
I came to Canada because it was a safe country						
I came because of family or domestic violence						
I couldn't find a job in my field						
I couldn't support myself (or my family)						
I wanted to come to Canada and <u>not</u> the U.S.						



**3.13 When you arrived in Canada, did you have any close friends or relatives already living here? I am interested in the people that you could have asked a favour of.**

O<sub>1</sub> Yes

O<sub>2</sub> No → *go to Section 4*

**3.14 Please give me an estimate of how many friends and relatives you had here already when you arrived in Canada?**

\_\_\_\_\_ # friends

\_\_\_\_\_ # relatives

**3.15 Of the total number of friends and relatives you just mentioned, how many came from the same town, city or neighbourhood as you?**

\_\_\_\_\_ # friends

\_\_\_\_\_ # relatives

## SECTION 4: EARLY SETTLEMENT & WORK

Now I would like to ask you about your early settlement and work experience.

### 4A Early Job Search

4.1 You said that you arrived in Canada in \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year)  
(write the date again)

4.2 When did you first start looking for any kind of work?

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

(did not look for work, job was offered or had job already → go to 4.4)

4.3 When did you start working?

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

4.4 So, to confirm, how long was it before you started to work? (Refers to length of job search)

\_\_\_\_\_ (specify weeks or months)

*If length of time before starting to work was longer than 1 month, ask:*

**4.5 What was the main reason you did not look for work right away? I would like to read you a list of reasons, please tell me which ones apply**

**O<sub>1</sub> Did you have income from government programmes for refugees?**

**O<sub>2</sub> Were you too young or still in school (primary to high school)?**

**O<sub>3</sub> Did you stay home to take care of kids or relatives?**

**O<sub>4</sub> Did you not have to look? (had a job set up, was offered one)**

**O<sub>5</sub> Did you come to study? (post high school)**

**O<sub>6</sub> Was it because you had restrictions on your visa or no work permit?**

**O<sub>7</sub> Did you not think you were staying in Canada?**

**O<sub>8</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**O<sub>97</sub> DK**

**O<sub>98</sub> Refused**

**O<sub>99</sub> N/A – had not started to look for work**

**4.6 How did you support yourself before you either looked for, or got a job? Read each one and check off if received.**

<b>O<sub>1</sub> Did you receive income from any government programmes, sponsored refugee assistance?</b>
<b>O<sub>2</sub> Did you have savings you could live on?</b>
<b>O<sub>3</sub> Did relatives in Canada support you?</b>
<b>O<sub>4</sub> Did any relatives in _____ (home country) support you?</b>
<b>O<sub>5</sub> Did you have any other sources of income? If so, what were they?</b>  <i>(Write in)</i>
<b>O<sub>97</sub> DK</b>
<b>O<sub>98</sub> Refused</b>

## 4B Settlement

Now I'm going to ask you about your early settlement experiences, focusing first on non-work related issues; then I will come back to questions about your early work experiences.

4.7 Please tell me about how you (and your family) adapted during your first year here? Please tell me about your early settlement experience, how you dealt with everyday needs, and who helped by giving you information. *Open ended question: listen, take notes.*

4.7.1 How did you find a place to live? Did someone help? Who (family, friends, acquaintances)? Did you rent from family or friends? Did you live in public housing?

**4.7.2 How did you get medical attention when you needed it? Did you have health care coverage or not? Through what kind of providers?**

**4.7.3 Describe your experiences with any agency, community center, organization, or individual that was very helpful during that early period?**

**4.7.4 Describe your experiences with any organization or individual that made things difficult for you or gave you bad advice?**

**4.8 During your first year, did you get most of your information from friends and family, or from community organizations? If you got information from organizations, what kinds of organizations? (Pause for responses to open-ended question, and fill out table.)**

*(Write below the type of information received from each source)*

**4.8.1 From family?**

Yes

No

**4.8.2 From friends?**

Yes

No

**4.8.3 From organizations? (Specify type, e.g. religious, ethnic association, community center, etc.)**

Yes

No

## 4C Early Work Experience

Still thinking about your first year in Canada, the next questions are about your (and your family's) experiences in terms of work and income.

**4.9** During your first year in Canada, how many members of your family (household), including yourself, were working? \_\_\_\_\_ (# people, including self, and partner)

- <sub>97</sub> DK
- <sub>98</sub> Refused
- <sub>99</sub> N/A (was alone)

*If nobody was working during the first year, go to 4.11*

**4.10** Who was working in your household? (Relationship to respondent)

- Respondent only – 1 person household
- <sub>97</sub> DK
- <sub>98</sub> Refused
- <sub>99</sub> N/A

Now focusing on your own early work experience, either during that first year here, or in your first year of working here: (*This "first year" may not coincide with R's first year here if R arrived young or did not work right away*)

**4.11** When you started looking for work, what kind of work did you look for? *Specify.*

**4.12** Would you say you were looking for a job in your field?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No

**4.13 In general what kind of work did you do during that first year of work?** *(Record most common occupations and sectors.)*

- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

**4.14 Was the work you did during your first year here ever in your field?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No

**4.15 Roughly, how many jobs/employers did you have during that first year of work?** \_\_\_\_\_ (number)

O<sub>99</sub> N/A (self employed)

**4.16 On average, how much did you earn per week during that first year of work?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4.17 On average, how many hours per week did you work during that first year of work?**

\_\_\_\_\_ hours per week



**Keeping in mind the job or jobs you held during your first year of work here, please tell me whether you were...**

**4.18 A member of a union at:**

- O<sub>1</sub> All of the places you worked**
- O<sub>2</sub> Some of the places you worked**
- O<sub>3</sub> None of the places**
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused

**4.19 Were you paid in cash at:**

- O<sub>1</sub> All of the places you worked**
- O<sub>2</sub> Some of the places you worked**
- O<sub>3</sub> None of the places**
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused

**4.20 Thinking about all of the different jobs you held in your first year of work in Canada, I'd like to know what kind of employment relationship you had at most of those jobs. I am going to read a list of options. Please tell me which apply:**

	Yes	No
<b>Would you say most jobs you held were on a temporary/short-term contract?</b>		
<b>Were any of them working for a temp agency?</b>		
<b>Was most of your work seasonal?</b>		
<b>Were you self-employed on your own, with no employees?</b>		
<b>Or self-employed with employees?</b>		
<b>Were you a day labourer</b> (Day labour is the practice of searching for work in informal markets such as street corners. i.e. construction workers, landscaping, etc.)		
<b>Were you paid on a piece work basis?</b> (Piece work can be sewing a number of garments, stuffing a number of envelopes, etc.)		
<b>Did you work part-time?</b> (Less than 30 hours per week)		
<b>Were you a full-time worker with variable hours?</b> (On average, 30 hours a week)		
<b>Were you a full-time worker with fixed hours?</b> (Normally 30 hours or more per week on a set schedule)		
<b>Did you own a business with employees?</b>		

**4.21 Still thinking about your first year of work in Canada, would you agree or disagree strongly with the following statement:**

**I could plan on my income six months in advance**

- <sub>1</sub> Agree strongly
- <sub>2</sub> Agree
- <sub>3</sub> Neither agree nor disagree
- <sub>4</sub> Disagree
- <sub>5</sub> Disagree strongly

**4.22 I would like to ask you some questions about your work experiences during your first year of work in Canada. I am going to read a list of situations and I would like you to tell me how often this happened to you. (Give R Cue Card # 2)**

	Always	Most of the time	Half of the time	Some of the time	Never
<b>I knew my work schedule at least one week in advance</b>					
<b>I worked in chronic pain</b>					
<b>I enjoyed my work</b>					
<b>I was exhausted because of the number of jobs or hours I had to work each week</b>					
<b>I was asked to perform work that was dangerous (For instance there were hazardous materials, it was very high up, it involved heavy lifting, no safety equipment, no training)</b>					
<b>I was asked to use machinery without receiving appropriate training</b>					
<b>I was in a work situation that was abusive, where I was often harassed, yelled at, and felt humiliated</b>					
<b>I was in a work situation where I did not get paid or received less pay than I was suppose to</b>					
<b>I was paid for piece work, rather than at a fixed hourly wage</b>					
<b>I could not get a decent job because of my immigration status</b>					

**4.23** Thinking about your early work experience in Canada, did you have problems, of any kind? Can you tell me about them? *Wait, take notes and then follow with these probes:*

**For example, did you ever face:**

- **Discrimination**
- **Problems related to your immigration status or visa**
- **Difficulties because of your accent**
- **Problems finding or keeping a job you wanted**
- **Problems with your employer or co-workers**

**4.24** What kinds of things were you able to do to improve your situation with respect to these problems? Please explain. *(Write the details of what they did, probe for why they were not able to do anything to improve their situation, if applicable.)*

## SECTION 5: CONTACT WITH FAMILY ABROAD

**5.1** Now I am going to ask questions about your ties to \_\_\_\_\_ (*country of origin*). People often maintain ties with people and organizations in their home country. I am going to read you a list of activities, please tell me whether you do any of the following things:

	Yes	No
<b>5.1.1</b> Do you have a business in _____ (country)?		
<b>5.1.2</b> Have you ever sent your children back for a long time (not vacations)? <i>○ N/A if no kids</i>		
<b>5.1.3</b> Do you receive income from any source in _____ (country), such as relatives, a family business or property?		
<b>5.1.4</b> Are you currently a member of a political party in _____ (country)?		
<b>5.1.5</b> Were you ever a member of a political party in your country?		
<b>5.1.6</b> Have you ever returned to live in _____ (country)?		

**5.2** Since you came here to live, how many times have you traveled back to your country? \_\_\_\_\_ (# times)

**5.3 I would also like to know how often you have engaged in the following activities over the last 2 years in Canada? I am going to read a list of activities, please tell me if you do any of these things regularly, often, sometimes, or never. (Give R Cue card #3)**

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Regularly
<b>Attend events put on by an alumni, home village, or regional association from your country</b>				
<b>Attend events put on by a political party from your country</b>				
<b>Attend Caribbean cultural events (e.g. Caribana)</b>				
<b>Participate in events organized by your country's consulate</b>				

<sub>97</sub> Don't Know

<sub>98</sub> Refused

**5.4 We would like to know how you keep in touch with family or close friends outside of Canada. I am going to read you a list of methods; please indicate how often you use them to keep in touch.**

		Daily	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Several times a year	Once a year	Never
<input type="radio"/> 5.4.1	<b>Phone</b>						
<input type="radio"/> 5.4.2	<b>Letters / Cards (paper)</b>						
<input type="radio"/> 5.4.3	<b>E-mail</b>						
<input type="radio"/> 5.4.4	<b>Other wireless communication (chat, VOIP, texting, etc.)</b>						

- <sub>97</sub> D/K
- <sub>98</sub> Refuse
- <sub>99</sub> N/A (No relatives outside of Canada )

**5.5 Do you have internet access at home?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No
- <sub>97</sub> D.K
- <sub>98</sub> Refuse

## SECTION 6: LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY

**6.1** I am going to read you a list of activities; I would like to know how comfortable you feel doing them without assistance: *(Give R Cue Card # 4)*

	Not at all	Not too comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Comfortable	Very comfortable
How comfortable do you feel writing a formal business letter?					
What about filling out government forms or a job application?					
What about making a verbal complaint against an employer?					

**6.2** Have you ever had trouble at a job or trying to get a job because of an accent in English?

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No

**6.3** What is your religion? \_\_\_\_\_

**6.4** The Canadian census asks people to choose labels to describe themselves in terms of race, nationality or ethnicity. Please tell me what term you would use to identify yourself (in terms of race, nationality, or ethnicity).

\_\_\_\_\_



## SECTION 7: FIRST STABLE JOB

I am interested in your first stable job in Canada, of any kind. This doesn't necessarily mean it was a job you liked, or a good job, but rather, one that was more reliable either in terms of regular hours or steady income.

*(Respondent decides which job this is, regardless of timing)*

**7.1 Have you ever had a job that you consider to be stable in Canada?**

O<sub>1</sub> Yes

O<sub>2</sub> No → *Go to Section 8*

**7.2 Are you currently still at this stable job?**

O<sub>1</sub> Yes → *Go to Section 8*

O<sub>2</sub> No

### 7.3 I am going to ask you a series of questions about that first stable job.

*(Use codes page)*

#	Questions	Codes
1	What was your first stable job? _____	
2	Start date: Month _____ year _____	
3	End date: Month _____ year _____	
4	In what sector or industry was this job? _____	C1 _____
5	Were you working directly for the government (any level)?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
6	Were you a member of a union in this job?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
7	What kind of contract, if any, did you have?	C2 _____
8	What kind of work arrangement did you have?	C3 _____
9	How did you get this job?	C4 _____
10	Where did you carry out the main activities for this job?	C5 _____
11	In the course of your work, did you mainly deal with other Caribbean immigrants?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
12	On average, how many hours did you work per week?	# _____
13	On what basis were you paid? For example, by the hour, salary, or piece work?	C6 _____
14	How much did you earn per hour when you first started that job?	\$ _____
15	In what form did you take home your pay?	C7 _____
16	If you worked over time, how were your extra hours paid?	C8 _____
17	How far in advance did you know your schedule?	C9 _____
18	Did you have deductions taken from your pay for benefits?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
19	Did you receive any on-the-job training?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
20	Did you receive a certificate for that training?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
21	Did you have opportunities for promotion?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
22	At the end of that job, how much were you earning per hour?	\$ _____
23	Why did you leave that job?	C10 _____

**SECTION 8: CURRENT JOB JUGGLE**

I would like to hear about the different activities you currently carry out to earn a living. By this I mean all of the work or jobs that you have. This would include any activity – it might be seasonal- for which you receive cash or in kind payment.

I would like to start by developing a list of all of your formal jobs as well as other income earning activities, such as preparing food for sale, handyman work, time spent helping in a family business or babysitting children that are not your own.

**8.1 Could you please list your top three current jobs or income earning activities starting with the one which generates the highest proportion of your income or at which you spend the most number of hours per week?**

8.1.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date Job #1

8.1.1  
\_\_\_\_\_ (month)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (year)

8.1.2 \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date Job # 2

8.1.2  
\_\_\_\_\_ (month)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (year)

8.1.3 \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date Job # 3

8.1.3  
\_\_\_\_\_ (month)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (year)

**8.2 Do you have any other income earning activities, including seasonal or sporadic ones? Could you please list the top three additional activities? (*Sporadic means occasional or infrequent jobs*)**

8.2.1 \_\_\_\_\_

8.2.2 \_\_\_\_\_

8.2.3 \_\_\_\_\_

**8.3 Are there any other activities or jobs, not including the six that you have already listed?**

Yes → **8.3.1 How many?** \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Next, I am going to ask you a series of detailed questions about your top three current income earning activities or jobs.**

## Current Job Juggle

*Ask all questions for Job 1 including Precarious Index Table. Then do Job 2/Index; Job 3/Index.*

#	Questions	JOB 1 (8.4)	JOB 2 (8.5)	JOB 3(8.6)
1	What do you do at this job/occupation			
2	In what sector is this job?	C1	C1	C1
3	Are you working directly for the government?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
4	Are you a member of a union at this job?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
5	What kind of contract, if any, do you have?	C2	C2	C2
6	What kind of work arrangement do you have?	C3	C3	C3
7	How did you get this job?	C4	C4	C4
8	Where do you carry out the main activities for this job?	C5	C5	C5
9	In the course of your work, do you mainly deal with other Caribbean immigrants?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
10	On average how many hours do you work per week	#	#	#
11	On what basis are you paid? E.g. hourly, salary, or piece work?	C6	C6	C6
12	What was your starting pay? <i>(indicate per hour, month, or year)</i>	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____
13	How much do you currently earn?	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
14	In what form do you take home your pay?	C7	C7	C7
15	If you work overtime, how are your extra hours paid?	C8	C8	C8
16	How far in advance do you know your schedule?	C9	C9	C9
17	Do you have deductions taken from your pay for benefits?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
18	Have you received any on the job training?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
19	If so, did you receive a certificate for that training?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
20	Do you have opportunities for promotion?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N
21	Do you plan to stay at this job?	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N	O <sub>1</sub> Y O <sub>2</sub> N

**8.4 I want to understand why you took this job. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements for job #1: (Give R Cue Card #1)**

Precarious Index Job 1

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Disagree strongly</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Disagree nor Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree strongly</b>
<b>This job offers stable /predictable hours</b>					
<b>I am working at this job because it pays well</b>					
<b>Because of the medical or other benefits</b>					
<b>The money from this job goes towards specific expenses (e.g. rent, remittances, car payments)</b>					
<b>I can ask for more or fewer shifts at work depending on my needs</b>					
<b>This job gives me an opportunity to meet people in my field</b>					
<b>This job lets me work in my own language or with people from my country/region</b>					
<b>This job offers Canadian experience which I need to get a better job</b>					
<b>This job fits into my schedule in terms of child care or family responsibilities</b>					
<b>I enjoy this job a great deal</b>					
<b>I wasn't asked for immigration papers at this job (NA if citizen/landed)</b>					
<b>This job lets me give back to the community</b>					

**8.5 Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements for job #2: (Give R Cue Card #1)**

Precarious Index Job 2	1	2	3	4	5
	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Agree	Agree strongly
This job offers stable /predictable hours					
I am working at this job because it pays well					
Because of the medical or other benefits					
This job lets me give something back to my community					
I can ask for more or fewer shifts at work depending on my needs					
This job gives me an opportunity to meet people in my field					
This job lets me work in my own language or with people from my country/region					
This job offers Canadian experience which I need to get a better job					
This job fits into my schedule in terms of child care or family responsibilities					
I enjoy this job a great deal					
I wasn't asked for immigration papers at this job <i>(NA if citizen/landed)</i>					
This job lets me give back to the community					

**8.6 Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements for job #3: (Give R Cue Card #1)**

Precarious Index Job 3	1	2	3	4	5
	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Agree	Agree strongly
This job offers stable /predictable hours					
I am working at this job because it pays well					
Because of the medical or other benefits					
This job lets me give something back to my community					
I can ask for more or fewer shifts at work depending on my needs					
This job gives me an opportunity to meet people in my field					
This job lets me work in my own language or with people from my country/region					
This job offers Canadian experience which I need to get a better job					
This job fits into my schedule in terms of child care or family responsibilities					
I enjoy this job a great deal					
I wasn't asked for immigration papers at this job <i>(NA if citizen/landed)</i>					
This job lets me give back to the community					



**8.7 Thinking about your work trajectory since you came to Canada, has your situation changed? How? Has it improved? Why or why not?**

*Pause, and then probe with:*

**For example, have there been any changes in:**

- **your employment income**
- **the predictability of your schedule**
- **the way people treat you at work**
- **whether your job(s) match your area(s) of training or expertise**

**SECTION 9: UNPAID COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER WORK**

**9.1 Are you currently involved in any kind of volunteer activities?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No → go to 9.5

**9.2 Can you tell me about the types of organizations in which you volunteer, and the work you do?**

	Name or type of organization	Activities
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**9.3 Why do you volunteer with these organizations? What do you get out of it?** (SHORT OPEN QUESTION, take notes)

**9.4 Thinking about the last year, and a typical month, how many hours per month did you volunteer in total?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make sure to clearly specify frequency of hours, per week or per month)

**9.5 I would like to know whether you have been involved in any of the following kinds of organizations during the last 12 months? I am going to read you a list; please tell me whether you have participated in any of the following:**

	Yes	No	NA
1 <b>A school related group such as parent councils</b> <i>NA = no children or none in school</i>			
2 <b>A neighborhood association</b>			
3 <b>A First nations or indigenous organization</b>			
4 <b>A Canadian political party</b>			
5 <b>A sports team or amateur league</b>			
6 <b>Have you been actively involved in your union</b> <i>NA = no union</i>			
7 <b>In the activities of your congregation</b> <i>NA = not a member of a congregation</i>			
8 <b>Is there any other volunteer activity in which you participate? What is it? _____</b>			
9 Other _____			
O <sub>98</sub> Refused _____			

**9.6 Have you ever volunteered as a requirement for government social assistance, such as workfare or welfare?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable (never volunteered)

**9.7 Did you ever volunteer to gain Canadian work experience?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable (Never volunteered)

**9.8 Did you ever volunteer because a social worker or someone else told you it would help with your application for refugee status or permanent residence?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable (Never volunteered)

**9.9 Did you ever volunteer as an intern in the hope that it would turn into a paid position?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable (Never volunteered)

## SECTION 10: SIGNIFICANT BREAKS IN EMPLOYMENT

If you recall, we talked about your very first job and whether you had experienced unemployment when you first came to Canada.

**10.1 Since that early period, have there been significant periods of time in which you were unemployed? You may have had odd jobs, but not steady income.**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No → *Go to Section 11*
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable

**10.2 During these times, were you looking for work?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable

**10.3 Please tell me about your period(s) of unemployed? Were you studying, taking on family responsibilities, actively searching for work, or ...** (*Probe for whether the unemployment was voluntary—R chose to not work to take care of kids, take a rest, travel home—or involuntary, was looking for work but could not find decent or stable work*)

## SECTION 11: STRATEGIES TO CHANGE WORK

We've talked about your employment history and volunteer experiences. Often, people do specific things in order to improve their work situation, either in the job they have, or to get a better job. For example, some people start a business.

**11.1 Did you ever go into business for yourself?** (*Probe for any business, formal or informal*)

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No → *Go to 11.3*
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> Not Applicable

**11.2 What was your experience when you started your business?**

**11.3 Some people take courses, volunteer, or do other things to change their work situation. Others use personal contacts. We've already talked about your education and volunteering. What other strategies have you used to change jobs?** (*OPEN QUESTION, probe for types of networking, types of contacts used, e.g. networks from home country, friends, relatives, co-workers, etc.*)

**11.4 Thinking about the things that you've done, please tell me what you think has worked to change your work situation.** *(Probe for why some things have worked or not, or which strategies in particular have improved their situation or which have been a waste of time. Also probe for why R has not needed to engage in such strategies, if applicable.)*

## SECTION 12: REMITTANCES and INCOME

### 12A Remittances

Immigrants often help family and friends back home. I would like to ask you questions about the financial obligations you might have to family and friends who do not live in Canada.

**12.1 Do you help friends or relatives who live outside of Canada by sending money, goods, or barrels with things like clothes, medicine, electronics, or food? (Check all that apply)**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes, money
- O<sub>2</sub> Yes, packages
- O<sub>3</sub> No → Go to 12.5
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

**12.2 In the last 12 months, have you sent any money to family and friends?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No → Go to 12.5
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A



**12.3 I am going to ask you some questions about the money you send:**

	Recipient's relationship to R	Recipient's country of residence	Average amount sent each time	Currency US/ CAN or other	How often? Specify: times per month, year	Annual Amount
1						
2						
3						
4						

*For next question, add up the total, by adding up the annual amounts; circle currency.*

**12.4 So, in the last 12 months, you have sent a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ CAD/US.**

**12.5 Have your relatives or friends ever sent money to you?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No
- <sub>97</sub> D.K
- <sub>98</sub> Refuse

**12B Income**

**We have talked about your financial obligations to family members back home. Now I am going to ask you questions about your own and your household's earnings. When answering the next few questions about income, please give me your best estimate.**

**12.6 First, what is the best estimate of your own total annual income, before taxes and deductions, from all sources in 2005?**

*Wait for Respondent to provide income figure.*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$CDN

**12.7 Which of the following brackets best describes your total income for 2005? (Give R Cue card #5)**

- O<sub>1</sub> Less than \$10,000
- O<sub>2</sub> \$10,000 to less than \$20,000
- O<sub>3</sub> \$20,000 to less than \$30,000
- O<sub>4</sub> \$30,000 to less than \$40,000
- O<sub>5</sub> \$40,000 to less than \$50,000
- O<sub>6</sub> \$50,000 to less than \$60,000
- O<sub>7</sub> \$60,000 to less than \$80,000
- O<sub>8</sub> \$80,000 to less than \$100,000
- O<sub>9</sub> \$100,000 to less than \$125,00
- O<sub>10</sub> More than \$125,000
- O<sub>11</sub> No income or loss
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

**12.8 Did you file taxes for last year, i.e. 2005?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> D.K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**12.9 Do you own a car?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> D.K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**12.10 In the past twelve months, how many members of your household, including yourself, received income from any source? This income might include money from a job or business, from the government or from some other source.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (# of persons with income)

**12.11 This project is interested in how people (and families) combine income from various sources. I am going to read you a list of possible income sources. Thinking about your household, please tell me which income sources people in your household have received in the last 12 months. *Check all that apply***

**We know you receive income from work.**

- O<sub>1</sub> Does anyone receive... worker's compensation?**
- O<sub>2</sub> How about a retirement pension, including Canada Pension Plan**
- O<sub>3</sub> Money from relatives in your home country**
- O<sub>4</sub> Child tax benefits**
- O<sub>5</sub> Employment Insurance**
- O<sub>6</sub> Social assistance or welfare**
- O<sub>7</sub> What about child support or alimony**
- O<sub>8</sub> Do you live in subsidized housing**
- O<sub>9</sub> Is there any other source of income, for instance money from a rental, scholarships, earnings from investments, etc.**
- O<sub>10</sub> Does anyone receive disability insurance**
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K**
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse**
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A**

**12.12 Thinking about your entire household, can you estimate into which of the following brackets your total household income falls? Was it...  
(Give R Cue card #5A)**

- O<sub>1</sub> Less than \$10,000**
- O<sub>2</sub> \$10,000 to less than \$20,000**
- O<sub>3</sub> \$20,000 to less than \$30,000**
- O<sub>4</sub> \$30,000 to less than \$40,000**
- O<sub>5</sub> \$40,000 to less than \$50,000**
- O<sub>6</sub> \$50,000 to less than \$60,000**
- O<sub>7</sub> \$60,000 to less than \$80,000**
- O<sub>8</sub> \$80,000 to less than \$100,000**
- O<sub>9</sub> \$100,000 to less than \$125,00**
- O<sub>10</sub> \$125,000 to less than \$ 150,000**
- O<sub>11</sub> \$ 150,000 to less than \$ 200,000**
- O<sub>12</sub> More than \$200,000**
- O<sub>13</sub> No income or loss**
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K**
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused**
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A**

**12. 13 Just to confirm, in the last three years, that is, since 2003, has anyone in your household been on social assistance or welfare?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> D.K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

**12.14 Sometimes working people have a hard time being able to pay for groceries all the time. In the past 12 months, have you and your family been in a situation of not having enough money for food?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No → *Go to 12.16*
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

**12.15 How did you deal with it? Did you... (Read all, and check all that apply)**

- O<sub>1</sub> **Go to a food-bank, soup kitchen or shelter for food**
- O<sub>2</sub> **Borrow from neighbour**
- O<sub>3</sub> **Borrow from a friend**
- O<sub>4</sub> **Go to your church**
- O<sub>5</sub> **Go to another church, where you are not known**
- O<sub>6</sub> **Go to any other charitable agencies**
- O<sub>7</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

## 12C Household Finances and Income Allocation

**12.16** How do you (and your family or partner, *if applicable*) organize your expenses? For example, do you think of using income from different jobs to cover specific expenses or obligations? For instance, do you pay rent and other monthly expenses from one job, and use income from another job for savings. Please explain to me how you organize these things.

**12.17** Are you able to put money aside for savings?

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**12.18** In the last year, have you participated in a rotating savings or credit group? These have different names, for example, "sous-sous," "partner," "pyramid," "can," and "box money."

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**12.19 Have you ever set up a debit or visa card that relatives back home can use to withdraw money that you pay off?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

*If married or has a partner in Canada or elsewhere ask:*

**12.20 Do you and your spouse have separate bank accounts?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

## SECTION 13: HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

**13.1 I want to ask about your housing. Which of the following best describes your home tenure arrangement in Canada? Do you rent, sublet or own? Listen and confirm specific tenure type**

**So you...**

- O<sub>1</sub> Rent
- O<sub>2</sub> Rent and rent out (rooms, basement, etc)
- O<sub>3</sub> Own your home
- O<sub>4</sub> Own and rent out (rooms, basement, etc.)
- O<sub>5</sub> Live with relatives, and do not pay rent
- O<sub>6</sub> Other
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

**13.2 And I need to record the type of dwelling in which you live. It is a...**

- O<sub>1</sub> House (detached)
- O<sub>2</sub> Semi-detached or double (side-by-side), town-house, row house, duplex (one above the other)
- O<sub>3</sub> Low-rise apartment (less than 5 stories)
- O<sub>4</sub> High-rise apartment (5 or more stories)
- O<sub>5</sub> Apartment in a house
- O<sub>6</sub> Rooming or boarding house
- O<sub>7</sub> Basement apartment (in a house)
- O<sub>8</sub> Other-  
specify \_\_\_\_\_

**13.3 How much is your total rent or mortgage each month?**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$CDN

**13.4 How many bedrooms do you have in your house/ apartment?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (# of bedrooms, i.e. rooms people use for sleeping. Please do not include living room, dining room or kitchen)

**13.5 Besides this dwelling, do you (or your spouse) own or help to maintain a home outside of Canada? (House can include dwelling being constructed)**

Yes → **13.5.1 In what country?** \_\_\_\_\_

**13.5.2 In what year did you buy this property?** \_\_\_\_\_

No

**13.6 Do you (or your spouse) have plans to build a house outside of Canada?**

Yes → **13.6.1 In what country?** \_\_\_\_\_

No

**13.7 How long have you lived in this neighbourhood?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Specify months/years)

**13.8 How many times have you moved in the last 5 years (or since you came to live in Canada)?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (# of times)



**13.9 People live in a particular neighbourhood for different reasons, such as convenience, proximity to work, or because it is affordable. Why did you move to your current location? I am going to read a list of possible reasons, please tell me all that apply:**

- O<sub>1</sub>     **I wanted to be near other people from the Caribbean**
- O<sub>2</sub>     **I wanted to be near family or friends**
- O<sub>3</sub>     **I wanted to live in an area without Caribbean people**
- O<sub>4</sub>     **It was the best thing I could afford**
- O<sub>5</sub>     **The schools are good**
- O<sub>6</sub>     **Because of its proximity to work, transportation system, shopping, or schools**
- O<sub>7</sub>     **I had trouble finding housing in other areas (for example, landlords wouldn't return calls, said places had been rented)**
- O<sub>8</sub>     **It is safer**
- O<sub>9</sub>     **It is close to my church (or religious institution)**
- O<sub>10</sub>    Other
- O<sub>97</sub>    Refused
- O<sub>98</sub>    Don't Know
- O<sub>99</sub>    N/A

**3.10 Of the reasons you just mentioned, which was the most important?**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(write number from above)*

## SECTION 14: CANADIAN IMMIGRATION STATUS

### 14.1 Are you a Canadian citizen?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes → 14.1.1 In what year did you become a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ (year) → Go to 14.3
- <sub>2</sub> No
- <sub>98</sub> Refuse

### 14.2 What kind of health coverage do you currently have?

- <sub>1</sub> OHIP
- <sub>2</sub> UHIP (University)
- <sub>3</sub> IFH (iInterim Federal Health Card for Refugee Claimants)
- <sub>4</sub> Private Insurance
- <sub>5</sub> None → → → 14.2.1 How long have you been without coverage? \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify months/years)
- <sub>6</sub> Other
- <sub>98</sub> Refuse

### 14.3 Have you ever worked in Canada without having any health insurance?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes → 14.3.1 For how long? \_\_\_\_\_ (months/years)
- <sub>2</sub> No

### 14.4 How many other members of your household have an OHIP card?

- <sub>1</sub> All
- <sub>2</sub> Some \_\_\_\_\_ (number)

### 14.5 Have you ever had a SIN number that started with a 9?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No → Go to 14.8
- <sub>97</sub> D/K
- <sub>98</sub> Refuse

**14.6 Do you still have a SIN that starts with a 9?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No → **In what year did it change? \_\_\_\_\_**
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**14.7 Have you ever been told you would not be hired for a job because your SIN card started with the #9?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes → - **14.7.1 Can you tell me about that experience? What kind of job was it? (Take notes)**
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

*If R is a citizen, go to 14.10*

**14.8 Which of the following categories best describes your current immigration status? Wait for answers, and probe to confirm.**

- O<sub>1</sub> Tourist Visa
- O<sub>2</sub> Expired Tourist Visa
- O<sub>3</sub> Student Visa without work permit
- O<sub>4</sub> Student Visa with work permit
- O<sub>5</sub> Expired Student Visa
- O<sub>6</sub> Work Visa (Temporary, SAWP, LICW) Specify
- O<sub>7</sub> Expired Work Visa
- O<sub>8</sub> Refugee Claimant
- O<sub>9</sub> Refugee/ granted
- O<sub>10</sub> Refused Refugee
- O<sub>11</sub> Refused Refugee Claimant with deportation order
- O<sub>12</sub> H & C pending (Humanitarian and Compassionate)
- O<sub>13</sub> Landed Immigrant → Go to 14.10
- O<sub>14</sub> Permanent residence in process (i.e. marriage sponsorship)
- O<sub>15</sub> Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refused

**14.9 Do you currently have a valid work permit?**

<sub>1</sub> Yes → *Go to 14.10*

<sub>2</sub> No **14.9.1 Have you had one in the past?**

<sub>1</sub> Yes

<sub>2</sub> No

**14.9.2 How long have you been without a work permit?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (months/years)

<sub>97</sub> D/K

<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**14.10 In the past did you ever work in Canada without work authorization?**

<sub>1</sub> Yes → **And for how long?** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Specify months, weeks, years*)

<sub>2</sub> No

<sub>98</sub> Refuse

<sub>99</sub> N/A

**14.11 Immigrants often need to dedicate a lot of time and energy to extending or regularizing their immigration status. Have you ever done anything to try to change your immigration status or that of an immediate family member? Please explain. (Wait for response, take notes) Probe for more informal strategies as well**

- What kinds of difficulties did you face?**
- Was anyone in your immediate family in Canada without immigration status? (Probe for number of adults and children)**

- Did you hire an immigration consultant? A lawyer?**
- Did you get advice from a settlement worker?**
- How long before you were able to improve or change your situation?**

**14.12 Just to confirm, have you ever applied for an H & C, or permanent residence based on Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

**14.13 Did you ever make a refugee claim from within Canada?**

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

*Ask all Respondents:*

**14.14** Some people think that a person's immigration status affects the kinds of work they can get. For example, having a 9 on your SIN or not having a work permit limits your opportunities, while becoming a Canadian citizen should improve them. Thinking about your situation, how has your immigration status affected your work opportunities? *(Take detailed notes regardless of immigration status; Record absence of problems and why)*

**Probe for:**

- specific employment situations
- types of work
- types of employers
- Identify events e.g. raises, promotions, being fired, not being paid, etc.

*If there has been any change in R's immigration status ask:*

**14.15 Have there been significant changes in your employment situation that you think are the result of changes in your immigration status? This is regardless of whether the change has been positive or negative.** *(Emphasis in this question is on CHANGE in immigration status or jobs)*

**Probe for specifics on:**

- **timeline**
- **types of jobs**
- **types of changes**



14.16 Has your immigration status, or that of a close family member, ever prevented you from participating in any activities? I am going to read you a list of activities that you may not have done because of your immigration situation. Please tell me all that apply

	Yes	No
Have you avoided going to parks or other public places		
Have you chosen <u>not</u> to enrol your children in school		
Stopped taking public transportation		
Have you chosen <u>not</u> to report a crime		
Have you ever <u>avoided</u> getting help in a domestic dispute because of your or a family member's immigration status		
<u>Put off</u> seeing a doctor or getting medical assistance		
<u>Not</u> called 911 for help		
Chosen <u>not</u> to file a complaint against an employer, lawyer or government official		
<u>Not</u> enrolled in school or in training courses		
Refuse		
N/A		

## SECTION 15: SOCIAL NETWORKS & SOCIAL SUPPORT

**15.1** Often when people move to a new country, they have difficulties finding a supportive circle of friends, and sometimes feel better asking for help from an authority figure such as a social worker or pastor. I am going to read a list of situations, please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each one. *(Give R Cue card # 1)*

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N.A.
When I'm not working, I spend time with my friends or family						
I've made a lot of friends who are of different nationalities						
I have friends who can give me accurate information about the Canadian legal system						
When I need help, there is no one I can turn to in Canada						
I know and trust a social worker or counsellor at a community organization						
I usually turn to my priest or pastor for advice and information						
I feel lonely and isolated in Canada						
I am on a first-name basis with at least one of my neighbours						
I have no one I can ask to mind my children for a few hours						
If I couldn't make a monthly rent or mortgage payment, there is no one I could count on for economic help						
If I had problems with my children or spouse, I could turn to my friends						

**15.2 In the last 12 months, how often have you used or been to the following?** *Read aloud. (Give R Cue card #6)*

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Very Rarely	Never	NA
1 Public parks						
2 Public pools or rinks						
3 Drop in center/early years center						
4 Public Library						
5 Public transportation						
6 Children or youth programs						

## SECTION 16: VOTING

### 16.1 Have you ever voted in a federal election in Canada?

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

*In the past, non-citizens could vote in municipal elections, so ask of all:*

### 16.2 Have you ever voted in a municipal election? That is, for mayor or city councillor.

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> Don't Know
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse

### 16.3 Are you still a citizen of any other country (ies)?

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes..... **16.3.1 Which one(s):**

- O<sub>2</sub> No
  - O<sub>97</sub> D/K
  - O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
  - O<sub>99</sub> N/A
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### 16.4 Since immigrating to Canada, have you ever voted in an election in your country of origin or of citizenship?

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>97</sub> D/K
- O<sub>98</sub> Refuse
- O<sub>99</sub> N/A

## SECTION 17: LONG TERM PLANNING

**I want to close with some questions about your plans and thoughts about the future.**

**17.1 What are your long-term plans for yourself (and your family), in terms of housing, education, and employment?** *Wait for response. Probe for issues you consider relevant based on what you've learned in the interview.*

*If R has children:*

**17.2 Do you think your children will be able to have good careers here? Why or why not?**

O <sub>1</sub>	Yes
O <sub>2</sub>	No

**17.3 Are you planning to buy a (different) house in Canada? Why or why not?** *Probe for financial reasons versus not planning to stay in Canada*

O <sub>1</sub>	Yes
O <sub>2</sub>	No

**17.4 Considering the goals you had when you came to Canada, and your experiences here, do you think your goals have been met? Why or why not?** *Probe for barriers, re-evaluation of goals, etc. Does Respondent attribute differences between goals and experience to societal barriers or opportunities, or to personal attributes? Probe: Do you regret coming here? Why or why not?*

**17.5 Is there anything else you would like to talk about regarding your experiences with work and settlement in Canada?**