Longitudinal Follow-up Changes

2024 Changes

- Updated weekly hours information - This should be 00-80, rounded to the nearest whole hour. Leave blank if question was not answered. *If the graduate does not provide any wage information, then also leave blank even if they do provide weekly hours (otherwise the portal will interpret this as the graduate working for free).*

2023 Changes

- Changed to 2-wage question with both hourly base wage and yearly earnings
- Removed the longitudinal year position in the file
- Removed the number of contacts in the file

2022 Changes

- Added information about 7-digit program numbers

2020 Changes

- July 2020:
    - Removed historic wording for Q9 present status question and updated record information.
    - Added clarifying information about 'College-level reporting of graduate outcomes data.'

October 2019 Changes

For surveys conducted in the academic year 2020-21 and onward, we will change the 'present status' question. The survey with this new question wording has been added to the guide on page 5 and the coding for submission files have been added on pages 10, with file error information on page 17-18.

June 2019 Changes

Added a 'College-level reporting of graduate outcomes data' section that provides guidance on FERPA and identifiable student information.

September 2016 Changes

- Added verbiage that once a college submits error free data, the following day the college should look at the portal reports to ensure accuracy.
- Wage calculation – the guide now shows how a wage is taken from hourly up to annual. Each college may decide to submit the hourly, weekly, monthly or annual wage reported on the survey or using the calculations shown, report all salaries in one format, hourly, weekly, monthly or annually.

July 2016 Changes

- Changed initial and final submission dates to April 15 and May 15

- Removed reference to two portal reports because there will be more than two. The portal reports will be created to show by Instructional Division as well as Career Cluster

March 2015 Changes

All references to Department of Transportation data have been removed. That information is no longer available to us.

January 2015 Changes

All report references have been directed to the portal.
Changed Wage above and below errors to warnings.
Changed weekly work hours over 80 to a warning.

April 2011 Changes

In the past districts would have to request the current DOT names and addresses. The sample that is put in the district folders now contains that information; you no longer have to put in a request.

April 2007 Changes

The end of the mailing address lookup record returned by DOT has been changed to increase field lengths as indicated below.

- 102-141 Current Street
- 142-175 Current City
- 176-180 Current Zip
- 181-186 Date of Death, YYMMDD or zero's if none

October 2005 Changes

- The maximum wage has been raised from $4000 to $6000 per month. The minimum is $660 a month.
- The following new procedure will be used to handle reported wages outside the current minimum and maximum.

NOTE: If there is a valid *Wage* for an individual that falls outside the standard minimum and maximum range, this record will generate a *Wage* error message until all other errors have been resolved. Once all other errors are resolved and all *Wage* errors have been confirmed as valid wages, the college should notify the WTCS Office Follow-Up Coordinator. After ALL districts have completed this process; the WTCS Office will change the wage parameters to accept those records that have been verified by the districts as valid.

October 2004 Changes

The maximum wage has been raised from $4000 to $5000 per month and the use of zeros and blanks for the wage field was clarified.