SERVICE UPDATE

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During Education and Children's Services Committee on 18 February 2025 Members requested information regarding categories of employment.

Skills Development Scotland produce bi-annual national snapshot reports in May and December each year against participation levels amongst 16-19 years olds in Scotland, based on management information held by the organisation in support of its main role, as the national skills body.

Alongside the Annual Participation Measure, which provides an extended 12 month overview of outcomes for school leavers in this age-group, the data presents participation (or engagement) levels in education, employment, training and other formal personal development schemes, alongside those whose status is not covered by these categories.

As the national skills framework and supports have adjusted over time, the categorisations and naming protocols for each type of participation have reflected these changes and, for this particular measure, currently aligns with the following shared dataset information held by SDS with the participation status described within the Interim Snapshot.

Status in shared dataset	Status in Interim Snapshot
School Pupil	School Pupil
Higher Education	Higher Education
Further Education	Further Education
Modern Apprenticeship	Employment
Full-Time Employment	Employment
Part-time Employment	Employment
Self-Employed	Employment
Data Import - Employed	Employment
Other Formal Training	Training & Other Personal Development (TOPD)
Personal / Skills Development	Training & Other Personal Development (TOPD)
Voluntary Work	Training & Other Personal Development (TOPD)
Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Seeking
Economically Inactive	Unemployed NOT Seeking
Unavailable III Health	Unemployed NOT Seeking
Custody	Unemployed NOT Seeking
Unknown	Unconfirmed Status (Participation not Known)