

CARD M3

Economic Records

We have asked about your economic circumstances. To make this information complete we would like to find out more about **your National Insurance contributions, state benefits and tax credits, tax records, savings and pensions, past and current employment information, employer information and tax payments** from data held by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (**HMRC**) and the Department for Work and Pensions (**DWP**).

These records will help us by adding more information to the responses you have provided. The data accessed would include information on benefits and tax credits that you might have received over your lifetime, pension contributions, tax payments and National Insurance contributions made over your lifetime and State Pension received.

We would like to ask your permission for this information about you to be linked to your ELSA survey answers. Permission from ELSA participants to use these records will help improve research into retirement, pensions and wellbeing. You do not have to give your permission for us to collect this data if you don't want to.

If you do give your permission, the ELSA research team will pass your name, address, sex, date of birth and National Insurance Number to UK statistical authorities that will carry out the linking of your economic data. The organisation that carries out the linkage will not be able to see your ELSA study data alongside your name, address, National Insurance number or any other personal identifiers. Please read the ELSA privacy notice

(<https://www.elsa-project.ac.uk/privacy-notice>) for more information on how this will work.

This information will be used for statistics and research purposes only. Only the ELSA Research Team will have access to information that can easily identify you (like your name and address) alongside your study data. Your data will be made available to other researchers in a form that makes it "not reasonably likely" to be able to identify you. This is a term used in UK data protection law and means that the risk of you being identified in the data is extremely low. Additional safeguards are applied to your data to reduce this risk even further. There is more information about this in the ELSA privacy notice <https://www.elsa-project.ac.uk/privacy-notice>.

As we would like to look at long term trends in people's economic circumstances, we have not set a limit on how long we would like to keep your information. ELSA has been running since 2002 and is very valuable for looking at how people's lives change over time.

Please ask the interviewer about anything that concerns you or you can call the ELSA team on the freephone number on the leaflet and letter we sent you. **You can cancel this permission** at any time in the future by contacting NatCen (elsadata@natcan.ac.uk).