

# Life History Background Questionnaire



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Today's date (dd/mm/yyyy): / /  Participant ID:

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect consistent background information from people taking part in the 'Hidden Histories of Late-Diagnosed Autistic Adults' project.

A. General information about you	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
Biological sex	<input type="text"/> Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender identity	<input type="text"/> Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/>
Pronouns that you would like us to use	<input type="checkbox"/> he/him <input type="checkbox"/> she/her <input type="checkbox"/> they/them

B. About your household	
Who do you live with now?	<input type="checkbox"/> With a spouse/partner <input type="checkbox"/> With other relatives <input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> With friends/housemates <input type="checkbox"/> With parents <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>
How many people live in your household (including you)?	<input type="text"/>
How many children do you have? If none, please write 0	<input type="text"/> If you have children, how many of them have a formal diagnosis of autism? <input type="text"/>
What is your current postcode?	<input type="text"/>
Do you speak a language <u>other than</u> English at home?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, English only <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cantonese <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Greek <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mandarin <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Vietnamese
<i>If more than one language other than English, tick the one that is spoken most often.</i>	

### C. About your family's background

In which country were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

In which Australian state did you spend most of your time growing up? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the postcode (if known)? \_\_\_\_\_

In which country was your mother born? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following levels of education did your mother attain? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Started primary school
- ☐ Completed primary school
- ☐ Started high school
- ☐ Completed high school
- ☐ Trade/technical certificate
- ☐ University Degree
- ☐ Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

When you were growing up, what was your mother's usual occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

In which country was your father born? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following levels of education did your father attain? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Started primary school
- ☐ Completed primary school
- ☐ Started high school
- ☐ Completed high school
- ☐ Trade/technical certificate
- ☐ University Degree
- ☐ Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

When you were growing up, what was your father's usual occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal *and* Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ No

What is the predominant ethnic background of you and your parents?

**You**

- ☐ Aboriginal  
☐ Torres Strait Islander  
☐ White European  
☐ White Other  
☐ South Asian  
☐ South East Asian  
☐ Middle Eastern  
☐ African  
☐ Hispanic  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent 1**

- ☐ Aboriginal  
☐ Torres Strait Islander  
☐ White European  
☐ White Other  
☐ South Asian  
☐ South East Asian  
☐ Middle Eastern  
☐ African  
☐ Hispanic  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent 2**

- ☐ Aboriginal  
☐ Torres Strait Islander  
☐ White European  
☐ White Other  
☐ South Asian  
☐ South East Asian  
☐ Middle Eastern  
☐ African  
☐ Hispanic  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. About your development**

Do you have a past or current diagnosis of any of the following developmental conditions? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Autism spectrum condition (detailed list in next question)  
☐ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)  
☐ Dyslexia  
☐ Dyspraxia or Developmental Coordination Disorder  
☐ Fragile X  
☐ Williams Syndrome  
☐ Intellectual disability  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ None of the above

Which Autism Spectrum Condition diagnosis do you have?

- ☐ Autism or Autistic Disorder  
☐ Autism Spectrum Disorder  
☐ Asperger's Syndrome  
☐ Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS)  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

At what age did you receive your diagnosis?

years old

Please state the date you received your autism diagnosis (approximately)

/    (mm/yyyy)

Who gave you your autism diagnosis?

- ☐ GP  
☐ Psychiatrist

<b>E. Your education and career</b>	
Which of the following levels of education have you achieved? <i>Tick all that apply.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Started primary school <input type="checkbox"/> Completed primary school <input type="checkbox"/> Started high school

	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed high school <input type="checkbox"/> Trade/technical certificate <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE certificate or diploma <input type="checkbox"/> University Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
Are you currently studying?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you currently employed/have a job or self-employed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → How many jobs do you currently have? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
Which job is the one you usually do most hours for?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 25px; width: 100%;"></div>
On average, how many hours per week do you work, in all your jobs?	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 9 hours  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 19 hours  <input type="checkbox"/> 20 - 29 hours         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 39 hours  <input type="checkbox"/> 40 or more hours         </div> </div>
Would you like to work more hours than you currently do?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Approximately, what is your total income (before tax) per year? (include amounts recieved from investments, rent assistance, maintenance, family supplement, etc. in your answer)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1 to \$25,000 per year (\$1-381 per week) <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 to \$50,000 per year (\$482-962 per week) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$78,000 per year (\$963-1,500 per week) <input type="checkbox"/> \$78,001 to \$104,000 per year (\$1,501-2,000 per week) <input type="checkbox"/> \$104,001 or more per year (more than \$2,001 per week) <input type="checkbox"/> I'd prefer not to give this information
Do you currently have an NDIS plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure If yes, do you receive NDIS support in relation to your autism? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, did you apply for NDIS support and not get it? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## F. Communication

Do you usually use spoken communication?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you use any of the following to help you communicate? <i>Tick all that</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign language <input type="checkbox"/> High-tech assistive technology (e.g., voice-output

<i>apply.</i>	communicative device, keyboard, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Low-tech assistive technology (e.g., Picture Exchange communication, Flip-and-Talk), etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
In what way do you like to be referred to/described? Please tick one box only.	<input type="checkbox"/> As an autistic person <input type="checkbox"/> As a person with autism <input type="checkbox"/> As a person on the autism spectrum <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Would you be happy to receive invitations to take part in further research studies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	