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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SLID conducts two annual interviews: Labour data in January and Income data in May. These data are collected using computer-assisted interviewing. Thus there are no paper questionnaires required for data collection. The questions, responses and interview flow are documented in other SLID research papers. This document presents the same information for the Contact and Demographic portions of these interviews, which are common to both the Labour and Income Interviews. (In general, there may be some changes in questions, but the intent is the same for both interviews.)

The Contact module is the first set of data collected. It is information collected to update household composition and place of residence. For each person identified in Contact, the demographic module collects (or updates) the person's name, date of birth, sex, marital status and relationship to every other household member.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Each January, the labour interview for the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) is conducted. Then, in May, SLID income data are collected. Both use computer-assisted interviewing (CAI) for data collection. The questions particular to each interview are preceded by two sets of questions: the CONTACT module and the DEM module.

In Appendix 2, Figures 1 and 2 present an overview of the flow of the interview and the flow of the CONTACT and DEM modules, respectively.

The CONTACT module collects / updates information on household members. For each household member listed at the last interview, the interviewer asks whether he/she is still a household member. For those who are not, information is collected on when the person moved out, the reason for leaving, and the new address and telephone number. Information on telephone number and address is updated if the entire household has moved. Finally, the interviewer asks if there are any new household members. If so, the interviewer first checks whether the new person is a “ghost” (those persons who used to belong to the household but who moved out then moved back). A list of all former household members (ghosts) is provided from all previous SLID interviews for each household. If the person is not on this list, the person's name is added to the household roster. These new persons are joiners. The date when the person joined the household is asked as well as the person's previous province of residence.

The DEM module collects / updates the date of birth, sex, marital status and the relationship between each household member with every other household member.

CAI is paperless interviewing. This document is therefore a written approximation of the CAI interview, or the questionnaire. The CAI process is as follows:

- a) A question appearing on the computer screen is read aloud to the respondent.
- b) The respondent's answer is entered directly by the interviewer.
- c) Based on the answer given, and/or age or other flow criterion, the computer determines the next question to be asked and displays it on the screen.

This research paper presents the content of the CONTACT and DEM modules¹ including question wording, possible responses, and flows of questions.

2. HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Question numbers: For each section, the question numbers generally refer to the actual numbers used in the software and which appear on an interviewer's computer screen. Text in capital letters is read, as worded, by the interviewer. Those questions in lower case with "Interviewer:" at the beginning are questions to be answered directly by the interviewer without asking the respondent. Those questions with "Internal logic:" at the beginning and which have an "N" instead of a "Q" in their name are questions answered directly by the computer. They are invisible to the interviewer, and are required to direct question flow.

Pre-fill items: These are items specific to each respondent's interview. The software adds the relevant information into the question, making it simply a matter of reading for the interviewer. Prefill items include:

[respondent] - This is the first and last name of the household member that the questions refer to. This is not necessarily the person who is talking to the interviewer.

¹ The labour and income questions are presented in other SLID research papers.

[parent's name] - Used in determining relationships, this is the parent's name in a parent-child relationship.

[child's name] - Used in determining relationships, this is the child's name in a parent-child relationship.

[calculated age] - Calculated from the reported date of birth, it is used to verify the date of birth information.

[current year] - This is the obvious.

[reference year] - This is the year for which the information is collected.

[marital status] - The reported value, used in subsequent questions to identify dates of changes in marital status.

[previous address] - For persons reporting a move, this is the previous address of residence.

[current address] - The current address of residence.

Headers: For some question groups in CAJ, important information is noted at the top of the screen. This information is given at the beginning of each section description.

Ranges: Ranges of acceptable responses are specified for some of the questions. For example, in CCN-Q11D (when moved in) a range of 01/01/reference year to the current date exists. If the interviewer tries to enter a number outside this range, the system will not accept this.

Dates: All dates are entered by number in boxes, using the DD/MM/YY format. When a numeric value for month (1 to 12) is entered, the appropriate text flashes. For example, if the interviewer enters a date 26/09/95, the screen shows:

26 09 September 1995.

Function Keys: Interviewers have a number of keys on the computer (function keys) available to them. The following functions are those of relevance to this document.

Comment - gives the interviewer the opportunity to add additional information in a note that will be attached to the data for that question.

These comments are often useful during data processing.

Don't Know - to indicate if the respondent doesn't know the answer to the question. This answer is shown in this paper as DK.

Refusal - to indicate if the respondent refuses to answer the question. This response is shown in the paper as R.

Options - gives the interviewer access to some optional functions or information rosters. Although there are several options available to the interviewer, the ones relevant to the CONTACT AND DEM modules are:

Household list - name and age of each household member;

Change name - required to change a respondent's name in the system, either because it had been entered incorrectly at some time, or as a result of an actual name change (for example, after a marriage);

Calculate year of birth - used to derive the year of birth based on the person's age (for proxy reporting when the year of birth is not known, but the approximate age is known);

PREVQ - this function key allows you to go back to the previous question.

QLIST - This provides a list of all questions answered so far, helpful when the interviewer needs to return to a previous question to make a correction.

3. CONTACT MODULE

HEADER: Name of person responding at previous interview, telephone number, and address.

CON-Q1: Interviewer: Is this a telephone or personal interview?

Telephone

Personal

DK/R

CON-Q2: Interviewer: Has someone answered the telephone/door?

Yes Go to CON-Q3

No/DK/R Go to CON-Q17

CON-Q3: HELLO, THIS IS [interviewer] FROM STATISTICS CANADA. IS THIS THE HOUSEHOLD OF ...?

Interviewer: Read the names and if at least one person lives there enter <Yes>.

A list of all household members is displayed on the screen.

Yes Go to CON-Q4

No/DK/R Go to CON-N4

CON-Q4: Interviewer: Introduce the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics.

**WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE INTERVIEWED IN
ENGLISH OR IN FRENCH?**

| | |
|---------|--|
| English | Go to CON-Q5 |
| French | Go to CON-Q5 (Automatic switch to question wording in French) |
| DK/R | Not allowed for this question |

**CON-Q5: ALL YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY
CONFIDENTIAL.
FIRST, I'D LIKE TO CONFIRM YOUR ADDRESS.
IS IT STILL?**

(Display)

Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Pop-up choices of:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Yes - Address confirmed | Go to CON-N1 |
| No - Correct part of the Address | Go to CON-Q6 (Old address displayed) |
| No - Correct all of the Address | Go to CON-Q6 (Blank address screen) |
| DK/R | Go to CON-N1 |

CON-Q6: Interviewer: All information should be complete.

(Address screen displayed)

Go to CON-Q6A

CON-Q6A: IS THIS CHANGE IN ADDRESS DUE TO A MOVE?

Yes set moved hhld flag - Go to CON-N1

No/DK/R Go to CON-N1

*** CON-N1: Internal logic: Does CON-Q1 = Personal, or Is moved household flag set?**

Yes Go to CON-Q6B with a blank screen

No Go to CON-Q6B with tel # prefill

CON-Q6B: Interviewer: Ask or confirm telephone number.

CON-Q6C: DO YOU NOW LIVE IN A ...

SINGLE DETACHED HOUSE?

SEMI-DETACHED, TOWN-HOUSE (row, garden home) OR

DUPLEX (one above the other)?

APARTMENT?

OTHER?

DK/R

CON-Q6D: IS THIS DWELLING OWNED BY A MEMBER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD?

Yes

No

DK/R

CON-Q7: DOES [respondent] STILL LIVE OR STAY IN THIS HOUSEHOLD?

Yes

Go to CON-N2A

No

Go to CON-Q8

DK/R

Not allowed for this question

*** CON-N2A: Internal logic: Has the whole household moved?**

Yes

Go to CON-Q7A

(if person <15, Go to CON-N2)

No

Go to CON-N2

After last member go to CON-Q11

CON-Q7A: WHY DID [respondent] MOVE FROM [previous address]?

(should only be asked for members 15 years old or over)

Marital breakdown

Go to CON-Q7B

To follow a spouse or parent

Go to CON-Q7B

Job-related reasons

Go to CON-Q7B

Institutionalized for less than 6 months

Go to CON-N2

Institutionalized for 6 months or more

Go to CON-Q7C

Moved to a new residence

Go to CON-Q7B

Other/DK/R

Go to CON-Q7B

CON-Q7B: WHEN DID [respondent] MOVE?

Interviewer: If earlier than [reference year], put correct date in Comment (F4) and enter 01/01/[reference year].

Earliest date: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest date: Survey date

Go to CON-N2

CON-Q7C: WHEN DID [respondent] ENTER THE INSTITUTION?

Earliest date: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest date: Survey date

Go to CON-N2

*** CON-N2: Internal logic: Are there more names on household roster?**

Yes Go to CON-Q7

No Go to CON-Q11

CON-Q8: WHAT WAS THE REASON [respondent] LEFT THE HOUSEHOLD?

Marital breakdown Go to CON-Q9

To follow a spouse or parent Go to CON-Q9

Job-related reasons Go to CON-Q9

Institutionalized for less than 6 months Go to CON-N2

Institutionalized for 6 months or more Go to CON-Q9A

Deceased Go to CON-Q9B

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Moved to a new residence | Go to CON-Q9 |
| Joint custody-to live with other parent | Go to CON-Q9 |
| Other/DK/R | Go to CON-Q9 |

CON-Q9: WHEN DID [respondent] LEAVE?

Interviewer: If earlier than [reference year], put correct date in comment (F4) and enter 01/01/[reference year].

Earliest date: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest date: Survey date

DK/R

Go to CON-Q10

CON-Q9A: WHEN DID [respondent] ENTER THE INSTITUTION?

Earliest date: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest date: Survey date

DK/R

Go to CON-Q9C

CON-Q9C: WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTION?

Go to CON-Q10A

CON-Q9B: WHEN WAS THAT? (date of [respondent]'s death)

Earliest date: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest date: Survey date

Go to CON-N2

CON-Q10: WHERE DID [respondent] MOVE TO?

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Within Canada | Go to CON-Q10A |
| To the United States | Go to CON-Q10A |
| Other | Go to CON-Q10A |
| DK/R | Go to CON-N2 |

CON-Q10A: CAN YOU GIVE ME A TELEPHONE NUMBER OR NEW ADDRESS FOR [respondent]?

Interviewer: Probe for employer if applicable.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Yes | Go to CON-Q10B |
| No/DK/R | Go to CON-N2 |
| Same as another family member | Go to CON-N2 |

CON-Q10B: Interviewer: Enter new information, with telephone number and city first.

Go to CON-N2

CON-Q11: DOES ANYONE ELSE NOW LIVE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD SUCH AS YOUNG CHILDREN, OTHER RELATIVES, ROOMERS, OR EMPLOYEES?

| | |
|---------|--|
| Yes | If there are names on the ghost roster, go to CON-Q11G. Otherwise, go to CON-Q11A. |
| No/DK/R | Go to END-CON |

CON-Q11G: Interviewer: If new persons are listed below, mark each person as a returner by using the space bar. Press <F12> to continue.

Ghost roster: The names of all former household members are displayed on the screen.

CON-Q11A: DOES ANYBODY ELSE LIVE OR STAY IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

Interviewer: Press <Enter> after first and last names.

Press <F12> when all members entered.

If a joiner Go to CON-Q11B

If a ghost returner Go to CON-Q11C

CON-Q11B Interviewer: Is [respondent] a child less than a year old?

Yes Go to CON-N3

No Go to CON-N3A

*** CON-N3A: Interviewer: Is this a moved household?**

Yes Go to CON-Q11C

No Go to CON-Q11D

CON-Q11C: DID [respondent] LIVE AT THE CURRENT ADDRESS AT THE BEGINNING OF [reference year]?

Yes/R Go to CON-N3

No Go to CON-Q11D

DK Go to CON-Q11E

CON-Q11D: WHEN DID [respondent] MOVE IN?

Earliest date: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest date: survey date

Go to CON-Q11E

**CON-Q11E: IN WHAT PROVINCE OR TERRITORY WAS [respondent]
LIVING BEFORE MOVING TO THIS ADDRESS?**

Names of provinces, territories, U.S., other country are displayed on the screen.

Go to CON-N3

*** CON-N3: Internal logic: Are there any more new members?**

Yes Go to CON-Q11 for next member

No Go to END-CON

*** CON-N4: Internal logic: Does CON-Q1 = Personal?**

Yes Go to CON-Q17

No Go to CON-Q12

CON-Q12: HAVE I REACHED [telephone number]?

Yes Go to CON-Q17

No/DK/R End

Return to Case management screen

CON-Q17: Interviewer: Do you have tracing information?

| | |
|---------|---|
| Yes | Go to CON-Q18 |
| No/DK/R | End Return to Case management screen |

CON-Q18: Interviewer: Enter new tracing information with telephone number and city first.

End of interview. Send to Trace folder.

**END_CON: Interviewer: <Contact> completed
Review household composition.
Press <F8> to correct .
Press <F12> to continue.**

(List of members and their status - Member, leaver, joiner, deceased, etc.) is displayed on the screen.

NOTE: After leaving this question, no further changes can be made to the household composition.

4. DEMOGRAPHIC MODULE

Roster: The name of each person in the household, their birth date, sex and marital status is displayed in the roster. Marital status is confirmed for longitudinal members, however, date of birth, sex and marital status is collected for joiners. A check mark is displayed in the first column when demographics are completed for a person.

When the demographic questions are completed for the household, the interviewer proceeds to the relationship questions. Information on household relationships is only asked for those households with a new person (joiner or returner). For other households, interviewers are given the option of reviewing the relationship information.

The date of birth information calculated or confirmed in this set of questions determines eligibility for the subsequent labour or income module.

ROSTER. Interviewer: To start, select a person and press <Enter>. If a person has <√> you can <Tab> to entry to make a correction.

Press <F12> to continue.

*** DEM-N1A: Internal logic: Is date of birth present?**

| | |
|-----|---------------|
| Yes | Go to DEM-Q1A |
| No | Go to DEM-Q1 |

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Age entry | Go to DEM-Q4 |
| DK/R | Go to DEM-Q3 |

DEM-Q3: THE QUESTIONS IN THE REST OF THE INTERVIEW DEPEND ON [respondent]'S AGE. CAN YOU GIVE ME AN ESTIMATE OF HIS/HER AGE.

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Estimate Age | Interviewer enters estimate - Go to DEM-Q4 |
| Call back | Interviewer reminded to make appointment - Return to ROSTER |
| DK/R | Return to ROSTER |

DEM-Q4: Interviewer: Ask or enter [respondent]'s sex.

Male
Female

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Respondents aged < 5 | Go to DEM-N5. |
| Respondents aged 5 to 15 | Go to DEM-Q6 |
| DK/R | Go to DEM-N2 |

*** DEM-N2: Internal logic: Is Marital status present?**

| | |
|-----|---------------|
| Yes | Go to DEM-Q5A |
| No | Go to DEM-Q5 |

DEM-Q5A: WE RECORDED [respondent]'S MARITAL STATUS AS [marital status]? IS THIS CORRECT?

| | |
|---------|--------------|
| Yes | Go to DEM-N5 |
| No/DK/R | Go to DEM-Q5 |

DEM-Q5: WHAT IS [respondent]'S MARITAL STATUS? IS IT...

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| MARRIED | Go to DEM-N4 |
| COMMON-LAW | Go to DEM-N4 |
| SEPARATED | Go to DEM-N4 |
| DIVORCED | Go to DEM-N4 |
| WIDOWED | Go to DEM-N4 |
| SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED) | Go to DEM-N5 |
| DK/R | Go to DEM-N5 |

*** DEM-N4: Internal logic: Is this person a joiner or exactly 15?**

| | |
|-----|--|
| Yes | Go to DEM-N5 |
| No | if marital status = common-law go to DEM-Q5C |
| | if marital status = divorced/separated go to DEM-Q5D |
| | if marital status = married go to DEM-Q5B |

DEM-Q5B: WHEN WAS [respondent] [marital status]?

Earliest year is: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest year is: current year

Display MM YY

Go to DEM-N5

DEM-Q5C: WHEN DID [respondent] AND HIS/HER PARTNER BEGIN TO LIVE TOGETHER?

Earliest year is: 01/01/[reference year]

Latest year is: current year

Display MM YY

Default Go to DEM-N5

DEM-Q5D WHAT WAS THE DATE OF (respondent)'s SEPARATION (not the date of divorce)?

Earliest year is: current year minus (age minus14)

Latest year is: current year

Display MM YY

Default Go to DEM-N5

*** DEM-N5: Internal logic: Any more persons in roster?**

Yes

Go to DEM-N1A

No

Go to DEM-Q7

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DEM-Q6: WHAT GRADE IS [respondent] IN?

School grade asked for children 5 to 15 years of age.

DK/R not allowed for this question

Go to DEM-N5

Allowable answers: (by province)

LIST 1 (NEWFOUNDLAND)

Kindergarten

Grade 01

Grade 02

Grade 03

Grade 04

Grade 05

Grade 06

Grade 07

Grade 08

Grade 09

Level 1 Secondary

Level 2 Secondary

Level 3 Secondary

Completed high school

Other, specify

LIST 2, QUEBEC

Kindergarten
Grade 01
Grade 02
Grade 03
Grade 04
Grade 05
Grade 06
Level 1 Secondary
Level 2 Secondary
Level 3 Secondary
Level 4 Secondary
Level 5 Secondary
Completed High School
CEGEP 1
CEGEP 2
CEGEP 3
Completed CEGEP
Other, specify

LIST 3 (REST OF CANADA)

Kindergarten
Grade 01
Grade 02
Grade 03
Grade 04
Grade 05
Grade 06
Grade 07

Grade 08
Grade 09
Grade 10
Grade 11
Grade 12
OAC (Grade 13)
Completed high school
Other, specify

DEM-Q7: WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF ²

(DK/R not allowed for this question)

... **TO** ... **?**
(household list) (household list)

**Interviewer: Press <Enter> to pop-up the relationship list.
Use the arrow keys to move up and down.**

(relationship list)

Husband/wife

Common-law

Father/Mother:- **IS [parent's name] THE BIRTH OR STEP
FATHER/MOTHER OF [child's name]?**

-Birth Father/Mother

-Step Father/Mother

-Adoptive Father/Mother*

-Foster Father/Mother*

² Appendix 1 provides an example of the relationship question and review screen.

Child:→ **IS [child's name] THE BIRTH OR STEPCHILD OF [parent's name]?**

- Birth child
- Step child
- Adopted child*
- Foster child*

Sister/brother

Grandparent

Grandchild

In-law

Other related

Unrelated

Same-sex partner

** can be selected if volunteered by respondent*

Interviewer: Relationships have been entered for this household.

Do you wish to ...

<Review relationships>

<Continue> (to Labour Interview or Income Interview)

DEM-Q8: Relationship review screen

Interviewer: Review household relationships.

Press <Enter> to correct

Press <F12> to continue (to Labour Interview
or Income Interview)

NOTE: After leaving this module, no changes can be made to the demographic questions.

APPENDIX 1

IDENTIFYING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

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Most surveys which contain household and family variables construct family relationships in relation to a household reference person or "head". For example, a family composed of a husband, wife and two children might use either the husband or the wife as the reference person. We would end up with relationships of head, spouse, and children. By collecting family relationships based on a reference person we lose detailed information about family relationships.

SLID collects an expanded set of demographic data by asking, each year, the relationship of every household member to every other household member, rather than by the traditional method of relating everyone to one reference person. The detailed relationship data are to data users, as well as frequently used family groupings.

SLID collects data on all persons in the selected households and following them for six years. The objective of this relationship approach is to collect data that reflect the changes that have taken place in family relationships in recent years, for example, to identify blended families. As well, in a longitudinal survey, this approach avoids the need to re-ask relationships if the reference person leaves the household.

This new method of establishing household/family relationships is facilitated by the use of computer-assisted interviewing (CAI).

After age, sex and marital status have been completed for all household members, relationships are collected. The screen displays the question "*What is the relationship of . . . (member's name) to . . . (member's name)?*" and the response categories. The interviewer selects the appropriate category, but does not read them unless a probe is required. Figure 1 portrays an example of the

screen that would be displayed for a household consisting of George and Mary Roe, Kelly (his daughter by his first wife) and Martha Winter, the mother of Mary.

Figure 1

The image shows a survey question interface. At the top, it asks "WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP. . . ?". Below this, there are two columns: "OF" and "TO".

OF

- ▶ George Roe
- Mary Roe
- Kelly Roe
- Martha Winter

TO

- Mary Roe
- Kelly Roe
- Martha Winter

A list of relationship options is provided to the right:

- Husband/Wife
- Common-law
- Father/Mother
- Child
- Sister/Brother
- Grandparent
- Grandchild
- In-law
- Other related
- Unrelated
- Same-sex partner

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Each time a relationship of father/mother is selected, an additional window displays a secondary question asking whether the person is the birth or step-parent. Following our example, the question would ask: *“Is George Roe the birth or step parent of Kelly Roe?”* The response options the interviewer can select are birth, step, adoptive or foster child. The question was deliberately kept short to encourage a probe for stepchildren but the four responses are provided to record “adopted” or “foster” if volunteered by the respondent.

When relationships have been completed for all household members an optional review screen is available, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Example of review screen

| First name | Last Name | Is the of | First Name | Last name |
|---------------|---------------|--|--|---|
| George | Roe | Husband Birth Father In-law | Mary Kelly Martha | Roe Roe Winter |
| Mary | Roe | Wife Step mother Birth child | George Kelly Martha | Roe Roe Winter |
| Kelly | Roe | Birth child Stepchild Grandchild | George Mary Martha | Roe Roe Winter |
| Martha | Winter | In-law Birth mother Grandparent | George Mary Kelly | Roe Roe Roe |

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APPENDIX 2

FLOWCHARTS

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FIGURE 1: FLOW OF THE SLID INTERVIEW

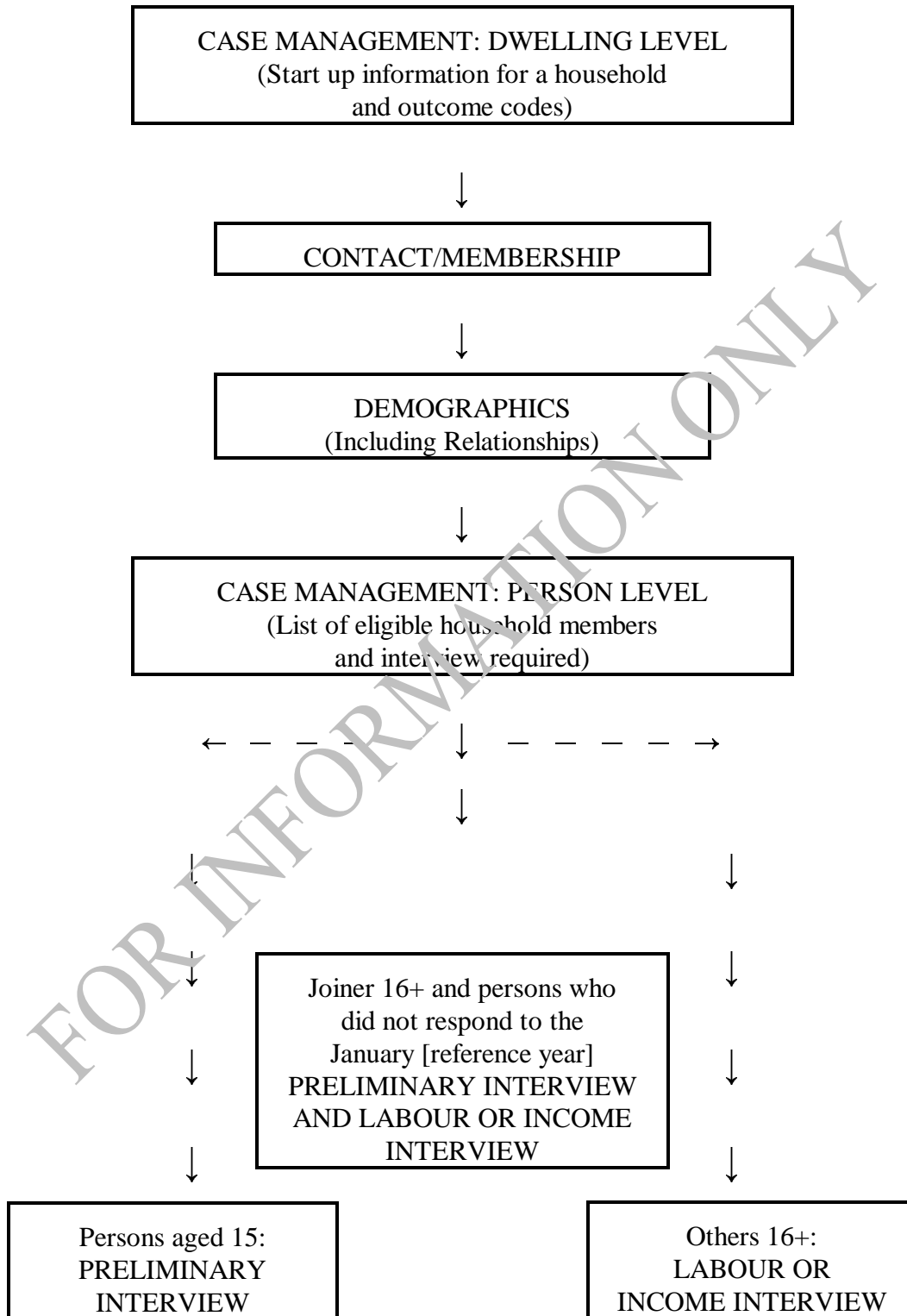


FIGURE 2: FLOW OF THE CONTACT/DEM MODULES

