

Scotland's Census 2021

Questions and draft guidance for testing

September 2019

Sex question – version 1

<input checked="" type="radio"/> What is your sex?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male

How do I answer this question?

If you are transgender the answer you give can be different from what is on your birth certificate. You don't need a [Gender Recognition Certificate \(GRC\)](#).

If you are non-binary or you are not sure how to answer, you could use the sex registered on your official documents, such as your passport or driving licence. The next question is a question about trans status and history. You can respond as non-binary in this question.

I am answering for someone else. How do I answer?

If you're answering for someone else, where possible you should ask them how they want to answer. If they're away, select the answer you think they would choose. You don't need to know or ask whether they have a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC).

Why is this question asked?

The sex question provides vital information for organisations on national and local population statistics, and for long term analysis, as it has been asked since 1801. This question is also used for equality monitoring.

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Sex question – version 2

<input checked="" type="radio"/> What is your sex?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male

How do I answer this question?

The answer you provide should be the same as your birth certificate. If you have a [Gender Recognition Certificate \(GRC\)](#) you may record your recognised legal sex. The next question is a question about trans status and history. You can respond as non-binary in this question.

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