

# CAREER FOLLOW-UP 2017 FOR DOCTORAL GRADUATES (LUONNOS)

## I YOUR JOB MARKET SITUATION

\*Required fields

Answer the questions by selecting the number of the most suitable option or by writing your answer down to the space reserved for it.

### 1. A) Which of the next options best describes your situation 6 months BEFORE completing your doctorate?

Select the most suitable option.

- 1 regular full-time job
- 2 fixed-term full-time job
- 3 regular part-time job
- 4 fixed-term part-time job
- 5 independent entrepreneur, self-employed or freelancer
- 6 scholarship researcher or scholarship artist
- 7 subsidised employee or practical work training
- 8 unemployed job-seeker
- 9 labour market training or similar
- 10 full-time student (studies leading to a degree or a grade)
- 11 on family leave (from work)
- 12 on family leave (no employment relationship)
- 13 other

**If you selected option "Other", please specify what.**

### 1. B) Which of the next options best describes your situation 6 months AFTER completing your doctorate?

- 1 regular full-time job
- 2 fixed-term full-time job
- 3 regular part-time job
- 4 fixed-term part-time job
- 5 independent entrepreneur, self-employed or freelancer
- 6 scholarship researcher or scholarship artist
- 7 subsidised employee or practical work training
- 8 unemployed job-seeker

- 9 labour market training or similar
- 10 full-time student (studies leading to a degree or a grade)
- 11 on family leave (from work)
- 12 on family leave (no employment relationship)
- 13 other

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**If you selected option "Other", please specify what.**

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**1. C) Which of the next options best describes your situation at the moment?**

- 1 regular full-time job
- 2 fixed-term full-time job
- 3 regular part-time job
- 4 fixed-term part-time job
- 5 independent entrepreneur, self-employed or freelancer
- 6 scholarship researcher or scholarship artist
- 7 subsidised employee or practical work training
- 8 unemployed job-seeker
- 9 labour market training or similar
- 10 full-time student (studies leading to a degree or a grade)
- 11 on family leave (from work)
- 12 on family leave (no employment relationship)
- 13 other

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**If you selected option "Other", please specify what.**

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**2. Have you been an unemployed job seeker after completing your doctorate?**

- I have not been unemployed
- Yes

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**For how long (please specify how many months in total)?**

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## II CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND ITS TYPE

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Answer the following questions based on your current main job.

- If you are on family leave, for example, please base your answers on the place of employment from which you are on leave.
- If you are an entrepreneur, self-employed, a freelancer or work on a scholarship, please answer to questions as they apply to you.
- If you are not currently employed or you were not employed when you started your family leave, for example, please move on to question 13.

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### 3. Where is your place of employment/company located (municipality)?

If you are working abroad, please enter the country instead of the municipality.

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### 4. Who is your main employer?

Please select one option.

- 1 private or public company, 1-249 employees
- 2 private or public company, at least 250 employees
- 3 government, government public enterprise
- 4 university
- 5 municipality, municipal federation, municipal public enterprise
- 6 university of applied science
- 7 organisation, foundation, congregation or similar, independent institute or public administration community (such as Finnish Centre for Pensions, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health)
- 8 your own company (or I am self-employed/freelancer)
- 9 other

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**If you selected option "Other", please specify what.**

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### 5. What is the name of your main employer?

The names of the employers are only used in the career guidance of doctoral students as examples of the field's employers. Employer data will not be linked to the respondents' personal data at any stage.

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### 6. What is your professional/official title?

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### 7. Which of the next options best describe the nature of your current work assignments?

You can choose several options.

- 1 research
- 2 teaching or education

- 3 administrative duties
- 4 management and supervisory duties
- 5 consulting or training
- 6 client/patient work
- 7 marketing and sales
- 8 planning and development duties
- 9 communication and media work
- 10 office duties
- 11 artistic work
- 12 legal work
- 13 church work
- 14 financial and financial administration work
- 15 other

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**If you selected option "Other", please specify what.**

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**8. From the options above, select the one that best describes your main work assignment.**

Only note down the number of one of the options.

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**9. Was a doctoral degree a qualification requirement or a prerequisite for your current job?**

- 1 Yes, it was a formal qualification requirement
- 2 Yes, it was a prerequisite, but not a qualification requirement
- 3 No, but the degree and the competence derived from it have a key role in my work
- 4 No, and the degree or the competence derived from it do not offer any practical advantages in my work
- 5 I can't say

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**10. Assess the degree you completed in 2017 and your current job in comparison with the next statements (a-b).**

Select the best option:

- 1 = fully disagree
- 2 = disagree
- 3 = slightly disagree
- 4 = slightly agree
- 5 = agree
- 6 = fully agree

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**a) I am able to utilise what I learned during my doctoral studies well in my current work.**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

**b) The requirement level of my work corresponds well with my doctoral education.**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**11. What is your average gross wage or MONTHLY income in euros (including regular bonuses, tax values of fringe benefits and over-time compensation)?**

€ per month

**12. Does your work career meet your goals?**

- 1 Yes, completely  
 2 Yes, in part  
 3 No  
 4 I can't say
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### III DOCTORAL EDUCATION AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE (1/4)

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**13. Assess the significance of a doctoral degree in working life through the following statements (a-f).**

Select the best option.

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**Having a doctoral degree has given me... a) a higher salary**

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 I do not know
- 

**b) more demanding job assignments**

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 I do not know
- 

**c) more meaningful job assignments**

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 I do not know
- 

**d) better status at my place of work**

- 1 Yes  
 2 No

- 3 I do not know
- 

**e) a job with a new employer**

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 I do not know
- 

**f) a better position on the labour market**

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 I do not know
- 

**14. From the perspective of your work career, how satisfied are you with the doctoral degree you completed in 2017?**

- very unsatisfied  
 unsatisfied  
 slightly unsatisfied  
 somewhat satisfied  
 satisfied  
 very satisfied
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**Please specify. What are the reasons for your selection?**

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**15. What kinds of skills or competences you would encourage the current doctoral students to acquire with regard to their future working life?**

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## III DOCTORAL EDUCATION AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE (2/4)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- If you are not working at the moment, base your response on your most recent workplace.
  - Select the best options for each section.
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**16. A) How important are the following knowledge and skills in your current job?**

Select the most suitable options for each:

- 1 = not important at all  
2 = only slightly important  
3 = has some importance  
4 = quite important  
5 = important  
6 = very important
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**1) Knowledge and skills related to the research area**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**2) Knowledge and skills related to methodology and research methods**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**3) Scientific communication skills**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**4) Funding applications**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**5) Popularising scientific results**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**6) Interdisciplinarity/working in multidisciplinary groups**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**7) Commercialising research results**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**8) Intellectual property rights competence**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**9) Entrepreneurial skills**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**10) Information acquisition skills**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**11) Analytical and systematic thinking skills**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**12) Problem-solving skills**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**13) Organizational and coordination skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**14) Performing skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**15) Negotiation skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**16) Project management skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**17) Cooperation skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**18) Supervisory or leadership skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**19) Teaching, training and guidance skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**20) Language skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**21) Ability to learn and adopt new information**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**22) Creativity**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**23) Resistance to stress**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**24) Self-management/taking the initiative**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**25) Basic knowledge of business/financial administration**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**26) Knowledge of legislation**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**27) Operating in a multicultural environment**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**28) International contacts and networks**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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### III DOCTORAL EDUCATION AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE (3/4)

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- If you are not working at the moment, base your response on your most recent workplace.
  - Select the best options for each section.
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**16. B) How did your doctoral education develop the following capabilities?**

Select the most suitable options for each:

1 = not at all

2 = only slightly

3 = to some degree

4 = quite well

5 = well

6 = very well

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1  2  3  4  5  6

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**2) Knowledge and skills related to methodology and research methods**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**3) Scientific communication skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**4) Funding applications**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**5) Popularising scientific results**

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1  2  3  4  5  6

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**10) Information acquisition skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**11) Analytical and systematic thinking skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**12) Problem-solving skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**13) Organizational and coordination skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**14) Performing skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**15) Negotiation skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**16) Project management skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**17) Cooperation skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**18) Supervisory or leadership skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**19) Teaching, training and guidance skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**20) Language skills**

1  2  3  4  5  6

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**21) Ability to learn and adopt new information**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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**22) Creativity**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
- 

**23) Resistance to stress**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
- 

**24) Self-management/taking the initiative**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
- 

**25) Basic knowledge of business/financial administration**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
- 

**26) Knowledge of legislation**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
- 

**27) Operating in a multicultural environment**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
- 

**28) International contacts and networks**

- 1  2  3  4  5  6
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### III DOCTORAL EDUCATION AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE (4/4)

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**17. Assess how the following factors have affected your employment after graduation. Please base your answers on your entire work career after graduation.**

Select the best option.

PLEASE NOTE! If, for example, you have no international experience (section 7), choose option 0.

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**1) doctoral degree**

- 1 not important at all
- 2 only slightly important
- 3 has some importance
- 4 quite important
- 5 important
- 6 very important
- 0 this section does not apply to me
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## 2) topic of your dissertation

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

## 3) other work experience

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

## 4) higher university degree

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

## 5) other studies or education (not those included in your degree completed in 2017)

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

## 6) experience related to NGO work or interests

- 1 not important at all

- 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

### **7) international experience**

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

### **8) contacts/networks**

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

### **9) ability to tell about your skills and competences**

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

### **10) being active and having a high profile in social media**

- 1 not important at all
- 2 only slightly important
- 3 has some importance
- 4 quite important

- 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

**11) other**

- 1 not important at all
  - 2 only slightly important
  - 3 has some importance
  - 4 quite important
  - 5 important
  - 6 very important
  - 0 this section does not apply to me
- 

**Other, what?**

**If you wish, you can give reasons for your answer. You can also share other factors that have affected your employment.**

## IV FUNDING DOCTORAL STUDIES

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**18. How did you fund your doctoral studies?**

You can choose several options.

- 1 work contract with the university linked to the dissertation work (e.g. doctoral student, dissertation student, project researcher, etc.)
  - 2 other work contract with the university
  - 3 work contract with a research institute
  - 4 research and/or teaching roles at a university of applied sciences
  - 5 personal grant
  - 6 employment outside the university
  - 7 student allowance
  - 8 other source of funding
- 

**Other source of funding, what?**

**19. Which of the funding sources above was the most important?**

Please select the number of only one option.

**20. Did you complete your degree primarily through**

- 1 full-time studies
- 2 part-time studies
- 3 during your leisure time in addition to your main job

**If you answered "part-time studies", please indicate the share of studies.**

## SPECIAL THEME OF CAREER MONITORING SURVEYS IN 2020: EFFECTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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The global coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions put in place by governments to stop the spread of the virus will have a significant effect on employment globally and in Finland in 2020. Universities will collect current information from 2017 graduates on how the crisis affected their employment and the content of their work.

**How did the coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions put in place by the government to stop the spread of the virus affect the content of your work, your working methods or the skills required in your position?**

**Did the coronavirus pandemic and the government restrictions have any effect on your employment between 1 March and 30 September 2020?**

- Yes
- No
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**Please specify how the coronavirus pandemic and the government restrictions affected your employment between 1 March and 30 September 2020. Please select the option best suited to your situation on each of the dates below.**

**Your situation on 1 March 2020**

- Employed (not furloughed)
- Part-time furlough
- Full-time fixed-term furlough
- Full-time furlough for the time being
- Unemployed / closed down my business / stopped freelancing
- Entrepreneur / freelancer / self-employed
- Full-time student

- Not in working life (e.g. family leave, military or non-military service)
  - Other
- 

**If you selected option "Other", please specify.**

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### Your situation on 1 May 2020

- Employed (not furloughed)
  - Part-time furlough
  - Full-time fixed-term furlough
  - Full-time furlough for the time being
  - Unemployed / closed down my business / stopped freelancing
  - Entrepreneur / freelancer / self-employed
  - Full-time student
  - Not in working life (e.g. family leave, military or non-military service)
  - Other
- 

**If you selected option "Other", please specify.**

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### Your situation on 1 August 2020

- Employed (not furloughed)
  - Part-time furlough
  - Full-time fixed-term furlough
  - Full-time furlough for the time being
  - Unemployed / closed down my business / stopped freelancing
  - Entrepreneur / freelancer / self-employed
  - Full-time student
  - Not in working life (e.g. family leave, military or non-military service)
  - Other
- 

**If you selected option "Other", please specify.**

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### Your situation on 1 October 2020

- Employed (not furloughed)
- Part-time furlough
- Full-time fixed-term furlough
- Full-time furlough for the time being



- Unemployed / closed down my business / stopped freelancing
- Entrepreneur / freelancer / self-employed
- Full-time student
- Not in working life (e.g. family leave, military or non-military service)
- Other

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**If you selected option "Other", please specify.**

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**Describe how the coronavirus pandemic and the government restrictions have affected your employment.**

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- Yes  No

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