

1 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE NTS TRAVEL RECORD FOR THE 2007 SURVEY

This section summarises all the changes that have been made to both the adult and child Travel Records for the 2007 National Travel Survey. These changes were introduced following a thorough review of the previous travel records by the NTS contractors, NatCen.

1.1 Colour

- The colours have been altered so that the adult Travel Record uses a brighter blue and the child Record a brighter green. Each Travel Record now uses three tones of the same colour plus black, grey and white so that different parts and important instructions stand out more. The current Record uses two tones of blue plus white.

1.2 Paper

- The Record is now printed on 100% recycled paper.

1.3 Front page

- The front cover of the child Travel Record is now titled 'Young Person's Travel Record' to ensure consistency with the adult record.
- The front page of both Records uses colour and layout to ensure key pieces of information stand out, in particular the survey title 'National Travel Survey', where to record the name of the person completing the Record, and where to record the travel week.
- The text reference to 'The Interviewer' has been changed to 'Your interviewer' followed by space for the name to be written in.
- The specific detail on how to fill in the Record (such as when to include walks) has been relocated from the front page to the outside of the side flap.

1.4 Back page

- Contact information for NatCen and the National Travel Survey website address is presented in a neater format.
- The reference code in the top left-hand corner has changed from P2620 to P2720 to reflect the new project codes for the 2007 survey year.
- The text  Printed on 100% recycled paper now appears on the back page.

1.5 Days 1-6

1.5.1 Column order

- The column order has changed. See table below:

Adult Travel Record

Column data	Current record	Re-designed record	New order (new letters)
Purpose of journey	A	A	A
Time left	B	B	B
Time arrived	C	C	C
Origin	D	D	D
Destination	E	E	E
Method of travel	F	F	F
Distance travelled	G	G	G
Number of people travelled	H	I	H
Time spent travelling	I	H	I
Ticket type	J	N	J
Ticket cost	K	O	K
Number of boardings	L	P	L
Which motor vehicle used	M	J	M
Whether Driver or Passenger	N	K	N
Cost of parking	O	L	O
Cost of road tolls/congestion charges	P	M	P
Cost of taxi	-	NEW	Q

Child Travel Record

Column data	Current record	Re-designed record	New order (new letters)
Purpose of journey	A	A	A
Time left	B	B	B
Time arrived	C	C	C
Origin	D	D	D
Destination	E	E	E
Method of travel	F	F	F
Distance travelled	G	G	G
Number of people travelled	H	I	H
Time spent travelling	I	H	I
Ticket type	J	K	J
Ticket cost	K	L	K
Number of boardings	L	M	L
Which motor vehicle used	M	J	M
Cost of taxi	-	NEW	N

- The columns requesting additional information on car and motor vehicle trips now come before those requesting details of public transport trips.
- A separate column (Q) has been added for taxi fares.

- There are no longer breaks (blank spaces) between the three sections. Instead, bolder lines have been added between sections.
- There are now six journeys to a page instead of seven.

1.5.2 Days and dates

- The days of the week shown along the top left-hand corner have been shifted to the left to make space for the date to fit alongside.
- The line running along the top of the pages has been removed.

1.5.3 Instructions at top of the page

- The instruction to drivers about the fuel and mileage chart now appears on the outside of the side flap.
- The instruction about return journeys has been incorporated into a subheading contained in a box above columns A-E, which is similar to the new STAGES subheading.

JOURNEYS Please record each journey using a separate row and remember to tell us about return journeys

- Icons are used as headings above columns F-Q, indicating the modes of transport to be included.
- The instruction to 'record walks if 1 mile or more' has been removed from the top of the page. A walking travel icon has been added above columns F-I, along with the other pictorial icons of other possible methods of Travel.



- A black arrow has been introduced at the top of the page to lead respondents to the notes on the side flap at the front of the Travel Record.

For help with filling in please unfold side flap for notes

- Journeys are now numbered as follows **1** with the box appearing in the top left hand corner within each row in column A.
- An instruction about return journeys has been added above columns F-Q.

STAGES These columns are for entering details of each stage of your journey

1.5.4 Column heading wording

All column headings are now asked as questions. The table below shows the new and previous wording for each column heading:

Previous column heading	New column heading
A: Purpose of journey	A: What was the purpose of your journey?
B: Time left	B: What time did you leave?
C: Time arrived	C: What time did you arrive?
D: From Village/Town/Local Area	D: Where did you start your journey? (Tick home or give the name of the village, town or area)
E: To Village/Town/Local Area	E: Where did you go to? (Tick home or give the name of the village, town or area)
F: Method of travel	F: What method of travel did you use for each stage of your journey?
G: Distance <i>miles</i>	G: How far did you travel? (Miles)
I: Time travelling <i>mins</i>	H: How long did you spend travelling? (Minutes)
H: No. in party	I: How many people travelled including you?
M: Which car/motorbike, etc. used	J: Which car or other motor vehicle did you use?
N: Dr/Pass <i>DR/FP/RP</i>	K: Were you the driver (D) or a passenger (P)?
O: Drivers only: where parked & cost	L: How much did you pay for parking?
P: Road tolls/Congestion charges	M: How much did you pay for road tolls/congestion charges?
J: Ticket type	N: What type of ticket did you use?
K: Cost	O: How much did your ticket cost?
L: No. of boardings	P: How many times did you board?
N/A	Q: How much did your share of the taxi cost?

NB: On day 7 the bracketed text at columns D and E reads: '(Tick home or give the full address)'.

1.5.5 Other changes to columns

- 'See note A' and so on has replaced '(A)' underneath each column heading in blue print.

- The word 'Time:' now appears in the boxes in columns B and C and am and pm tick boxes have been added.

Time:
 am
 pm

- Columns D and E are slightly narrower than the previous Travel Record.

- A 'Home' tick box has been added to columns D & E for when journeys started or finished at 'Home'.

Home

- The requirement for passengers to distinguish whether they were a front or rear passenger has been removed.

- Tick boxes marked 'D' for Driver and 'P' for passenger have been added to column K.

D P

- The requirement to record location of parking has been dropped.

- A pound sign (£ :) and a box marked 'Nil' have been added to columns L, M, O and Q.

£ : Nil

- Improved instructions, including travel icons, now appear above columns J-M.

Only fill in these columns if you used a
CAR or OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE



- Improved instructions, including travel icons, have been added above columns N-P.

Only fill in these columns if you used
PUBLIC TRANSPORT



- A new instruction has been added above column Q.

Only fill in this column if you used a **TAXI**

- The stage numbering has been made clearer and appears in background blue boxes, instead of white boxes.

1
2
3

- There is now an arrow in the bottom right hand corner of the Travel Record page which reads 'If you made more than 6 journeys on this day please use the extra space towards the back of the booklet'.

EXTRA JOURNEYS

If you made more than 6 journeys on this day please use the extra space towards the back of the booklet

1.6 Example page

- The blank example page has been removed from the front of the Travel Records. A 'Practice Page' has been added at the back of the Records.
- The filled in example page is now 'hand written' rather than a 'typed' font. It contains examples of different journeys, none of which are based in London.
- Both example and practice pages now have grey, rather than blue, backgrounds so that they are differentiated from the main pages and stand out as not being pages to fill in.

1.7 Day 7 (differences from days 1-6)

- The wording in the white instruction box now reads:

On this day please enter the **full address**, including the postcode, of where your journey started and finished. If you do not know the full address and postcode please enter as much information as you can.



On this day only, please include all walks (even walks under a mile).

1.8 Instruction flap

- The instruction flap at the back of the Record has now been removed and all instructions now appear on one flap, at the front.
- On the outside of the flap there is now a big arrow to help navigate respondents to the notes on the inside.

Please see the notes on the reverse of this flap

- The text 'A few points to remember when filling in the Travel Record:' has been added on the outside of the instruction flap along with the following five points (all icons have also been added to the outside of the flap):

1. We are interested in **all** types of transport; walks and bike journeys as well as cars and public transport.



2. Use a **new line for each journey** (e.g. go to work, go home). From column F use a new line for each **method of travel** you used for each **stage** of your journey (e.g. car, train, bus, walk).
 3. On days 1-6 only include walks of a mile or more (it takes approximately 20 minutes to walk a mile). On day 7 include **all** walks.
 4. Drivers: On days 1 and 7 please remember to enter your gauge readings on the Fuel and Mileage Chart.
 5. If you make more than 6 journeys there is space at the end of the record to write down extra journeys.
- The wording on the instruction flap has been altered to provide clearer instructions on how each column should be completed.