

## SOC2010 Revision: Review of Miscellaneous Issues

### SOC Revision Working Group Proposals

This document outlines the decisions made from the SOC Revision Working Group for miscellaneous issues. These decisions are all preliminary. Please note that there is no accompanying structure spreadsheet for the issues listed below.

Note numbers in **green** refer to SOC2020 groups. In black they refer to SOC2010 groups.

#### **Issue 1 – Can micro entrepreneurs be identified to form a new unit group?**

As previously reported, research found that there was very little evidence of the term ‘entrepreneur’ being used in the survey data.

**Proposal:** No further action.

#### **Issue 2 – Can the new SOC2020 unit group for ‘Chartered company secretaries’ (2435) be renamed?**

Stakeholder feedback requested that the group title be named ‘Chartered company secretaries and chartered governance professionals’. Research found that with removing the 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘chartered’ this was a viable change to the title.

**Proposal:** Rename the unit group ‘Chartered company secretaries and governance professionals’.

#### **Issue 3 – Reversion of the unit group titles in minor group 311 ‘Science, Engineering and Production Technicians’.**

We previously reported that the unit groups within minor group 311 would be named ‘associate professional’ instead of ‘technician’. Due to stakeholder feedback and further research we propose that the titles in minor group 311 will revert to ‘technician’.

One exception will be ‘Laboratory technicians’ (3111) which will keep the term ‘associate professionals’. This is because of a review that was conducted on existing index entries for 3111, which ensures that all professional level technicians currently coding to 3111 be repositioned, leaving associate professional level technicians as the core of unit group 3111. The job title ‘Laboratory technician’ will be moved to the new SOC2020 unit group ‘Laboratory professionals’ (2116). There is a potential of miscoding ‘laboratory technicians’ to 3111 if the unit group title used the term ‘technician’.

#### **Proposal:**

- minor group 311 will be renamed ‘Science, Engineering and Production, Technicians and Associate Professionals’.
- unit group 3111 will be renamed as follows:
  - 3111 Laboratory associate professionals
- the following unit groups will revert to their original names:
  - 3112 Electrical and electronics technicians
  - 3113 Engineering technicians
  - 3114 Building and civil engineering technicians
  - 3115 Quality assurance technicians
  - 3116 Planning, process and production technicians
  - 3119 Science, engineering and production technicians n.e.c.

#### **Issue 4 – Can ‘Medical and dental technicians’ (3218) be split to form 2 new viable unit groups?**

Research found that this was possible.

**Proposal:** 3218 will be split into 2 unit groups:

- Medical technicians (code tba)
- Dental technicians (code tba)

**Issue 5 – Reversion of the unit group title of ‘Health associate professionals n.e.c.’ (3219)**

Stakeholder feedback requested that due to the addition of the job title of ‘comprehensive Pilates teacher’ to unit group 3219 that the title be named ‘Health and physical activity teaching associate professionals n.e.c.’ Research found that there is the potential of miscoding physical activity teachers, that should code to ‘Fitness instructors’ (3443), if the group title for 3219 was renamed.

**Proposal:** 3219 will revert back to its original name of ‘Health associate professionals n.e.c.’

**Issue 6 – Can the unit group title for ‘Company secretaries’ (4214) be renamed?**

Stakeholder feedback requested that the group title be renamed to include ‘administrator’ in the title. Due to the addition of the index entry of ‘company administrator’ to unit group 4214, this is a viable change.

**Proposal:** Change 4214 to ‘Company secretaries and administrators’.

**Issue 7 – Can ‘learning support practitioners’ be identified to form a viable new unit group?**

Research found that they can be identified in the survey data, but that their numbers are too small to form a viable unit group.

**Proposal:** No further action.

If you have any comments or evidence which supports or refutes any of these proposals, please send them to [socrevision@ons.gov.uk](mailto:socrevision@ons.gov.uk) by Friday 06 July 2018 These will be considered before any final decisions are made.