

# Outcome to the ONS consultation on the revision of the Standard Occupational Classification 2010 (SOC2010)

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## Background

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is responsible for maintaining and updating the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). SOC was introduced in 1990, with a major revision in 2000 and a minor revision in 2010.

Due to the continual evolution of occupations, ONS needs to ensure that SOC is reflective of significant changes which occur in technological developments, innovation and new products, the use of new materials, improved methods of production or delivery of services etc. We consulted stakeholders and users to gauge their views on whether SOC2010 needed updating.

ONS was also interested to know about the use of the National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC), which is derived using SOC and other labour market information. Respondents were asked to answer 4 questions in relation to NS-SEC as part of this consultation.

The consultation ran from 25 January 2016 until 17 April 2016. The consultation document is available to download from the [ONS website](#).

For more information on SOC2010 and NS-SEC please visit the [ONS website](#).

For more information on the findings of the SOC revision consultation please visit the [ONS website](#).

## Outcome

A SOC Revision Steering Group was held on 11 July 2016 to agree whether an update to SOC2010 was needed. The Steering group agreed that SOC2010 needed revising and that a minor revision would satisfy the needs of the consultation responses. The revision would include:

- adding new job titles
- removing redundant job titles
- creating new unit groups where job titles have significantly grown in number and now require their own group
- combining unit groups where numbers have significantly reduced
- updating unit group descriptions within SOC volume 1 to include the latest available information on tasks and qualifications, and, where possible, skills and knowledge

## Getting in Touch

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