

Standard Occupational Classification 2000 (SOC2000) Summary of Structure

The Standard Occupational Classification consists of the following major groups:

- 1 Managers and Senior Officials
- 2 Professional Occupations
- 3 Associate Professional and Technical Occupations
- 4 Administrative and Secretarial Occupations
- 5 Skilled Trades Occupations
- 6 Personal Service Occupations
- 7 Sales and Customer Service Occupations
- 8 Process, Plant and Machine Operatives
- 9 Elementary Occupations

The sub-major, minor group and unit group structure of these major groups is defined as follows:

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1				MANAGERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS
	11			CORPORATE MANAGERS
		111		Corporate Managers And Senior Officials
			1111 1112 1113 1114	Senior officials in national government Directors and chief executives of major organisations Senior officials in local government Senior officials of special interest organisations
		112		Production Managers
			1121 1122 1123	Production, works and maintenance managers Managers in construction Managers in mining and energy
		113		Functional Managers
			1131 1132 1133 1134 1135 1136 1137	Financial managers and chartered secretaries Marketing and sales managers Purchasing managers Advertising and public relations managers Personnel, training and industrial relations managers Information and communication technology managers Research and development managers
		114		Quality And Customer Care Managers
			1141 1142	Quality assurance managers Customer care managers
		115		Financial Institution And Office Managers
			1151 1152	Financial institution managers Office managers
		116		Managers In Distribution, Storage And Retailing
			1161 1162 1163	Transport and distribution managers Storage and warehouse managers Retail and wholesale managers

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		117		Protective Service Officers	
			1171 1172 1173 1174	Officers in armed forces Police officers (inspectors and above) Senior officers in fire, ambulance, prison and related services Security managers	
		118		Health And Social Services Managers	
			1181 1182 1183 1184 1185	Hospital and health service managers Pharmacy managers Healthcare practice managers Social services managers Residential and day care managers	
	12			MANAGERS AND PROPRIETORS IN AGRICULTURE AND SERVICES	
		121		Managers In Farming, Horticulture, Forestry And Fishing	
			1211 1212 1219	Farm managers Natural environment and conservation managers Managers in animal husbandry, forestry and fishing n.e.c.	
		122		Managers And Proprietors In Hospitality And Leisure Services	
			1221 1222 1223 1224 1225 1226	Hotel and accommodation managers Conference and exhibition managers Restaurant and catering managers Publicans and managers of licensed premises Leisure and sports managers Travel agency managers	
		123		Managers And Proprietors In Other Service Industries	
			1231 1232 1233 1234 1235 1239	Property, housing and land managers Garage managers and proprietors Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors Shopkeepers and wholesale/retail dealers Recycling and refuse disposal managers Managers and proprietors in other services n.e.c.	

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2				PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS
	21			SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS
		211		Science Professionals
			2111 2112 2113	Chemists Biological scientists and biochemists Physicists, geologists and meteorologists
		212		Engineering Professionals
			2121 2122 2123 2124 2125 2126 2127 2128 2129	Civil engineers Mechanical engineers Electrical engineers Electronics engineers Chemical engineers Design and development engineers Production and process engineers Planning and quality control engineers Engineering professionals n.e.c.
		213		Information And Communication Technology Professionals
			2131 2132	IT strategy and planning professionals Software professionals
	22			HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
		221		Health Professionals
			2211 2212 2213 2214 2215 2216	Medical practitioners Psychologists Pharmacists/pharmacologists Ophthalmic opticians Dental practitioners Veterinarians
	23			TEACHING AND RESEARCH PROFESSIONALS
		231		Teaching Professionals
			2311 2312 2313 2314 2315 2316 2317 2319	Higher education teaching professionals Further education teaching professionals Education officers, school inspectors Secondary education teaching professionals Primary and nursery education teaching professionals Special needs education teaching professionals Registrars and senior administrators of educational establishments Teaching professionals n.e.c.

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		232		Research Professionals
			2321 2322 2329	Scientific researchers Social science researchers Researchers n.e.c.
	24			BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SERVICE PROFESSIONALS
		241		Legal Professionals
			2411 2419	Solicitors and lawyers, judges and coroners Legal professionals n.e.c.
		242		Business And Statistical Professionals
			2421 2422 2423	Chartered and certified accountants Management accountants Management consultants, actuaries, economists and statisticians
		243		Architects, Town Planners, Surveyors
			2431 2432 2433 2434	Architects Town planners Quantity surveyors Chartered surveyors (not quantity surveyors)
		244		Public Service Professionals
			2441 2442 2443 2444	Public service administrative professionals Social workers Probation officers Clergy
		245		Librarians And Related Professionals
			2451 2452	Librarians Archivists and curators

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3				ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS
	31			SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS
		311		Science And Engineering Technicians
			3111 3112 3113 3114 3115 3119	Laboratory technicians Electrical/electronics technicians Engineering technicians Building and civil engineering technicians Quality assurance technicians Science and engineering technicians n.e.c.
		312		Draughtspersons And Building Inspectors
			3121 3122 3123	Architectural technologists and town planning technicians Draughtspersons Building inspectors
		313		IT Service Delivery Occupations
			3131 3132	IT operations technicians IT user support technicians
	32			HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS
		321		Health Associate Professionals
			3211 3212 3213 3214 3215 3216 3217 3218	Nurses Midwives Paramedics Medical radiographers Chiropodists Dispensing opticians Pharmaceutical dispensers Medical and dental technicians
		322		Therapists
			3221 3222 3223 3229	Physiotherapists Occupational therapists Speech and language therapists Therapists n.e.c.
		323		Social Welfare Associate Professionals
			3231 3232	Youth and community workers Housing and welfare officers

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	33			PROTECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPATIONS
		331		Protective Service Occupations
			3311 3312 3313 3314 3319	NCOs and other ranks Police officers (sergeant and below) Fire service officers (leading fire officer and below) Prison service officers (below principal officer) Protective service associate professionals n.e.c.
	34			CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORTS OCCUPATIONS
		341		Artistic And Literary Occupations
			3411 3412 3413 3414 3415 3416	Artists Authors, writers Actors, entertainers Dancers and choreographers Musicians Arts officers, producers and directors
		342		Design Associate Professionals
			3421 3422	Graphic designers Product, clothing and related designers
		343		Media Associate Professionals
			3431 3432 3433 3434	Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors Broadcasting associate professionals Public relations officers Photographers and audio-visual equipment operators
		344		Sports And Fitness Occupations
			3441 3442 3443 3449	Sports players Sports coaches, instructors and officials Fitness instructors Sports and fitness occupations n.e.c.
	35			BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS
		351		Transport Associate Professionals
			3511 3512 3513 3514	Air traffic controllers Aircraft pilots and flight engineers Ship and hovercraft officers Train drivers

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		352		Legal Associate Professionals
			3520	Legal associate professionals
		353		Business And Finance Associate Professionals
			3531 3532 3533 3534 3535 3536 3537 3539	Estimators, valuers and assessors Brokers Insurance underwriters Finance and investment analysts/advisers Taxation experts Importers, exporters Financial and accounting technicians Business and related associate professionals n.e.c.
		354		Sales And Related Associate Professionals
			3541 3542 3543 3544	Buyers and purchasing officers Sales representatives Marketing associate professionals Estate agents, auctioneers
		355		Conservation Associate Professionals
			3551 3552	Conservation and environmental protection officers Countryside and park rangers
		356		Public Service And Other Associate Professionals
			3561 3562 3563 3564 3565 3566 3567 3568	Public service associate professionals Personnel and industrial relations officers Vocational and industrial trainers and instructors Careers advisers and vocational guidance specialists Inspectors of factories, utilities and trading standards Statutory examiners Occupational hygienists and safety officers (health and safety) Environmental health officers

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4				ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECRETARIAL OCCUPATIONS	
	41			ADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS	
		411		Administrative Occupations: Government And Related Organisations	
			4111 4112 4113 4114	Civil Service executive officers Civil Service administrative officers and assistants Local government clerical officers and assistants Officers of non-governmental organisations	
		412		Administrative Occupations: Finance	
			4121 4122 4123	Credit controllers Accounts and wages clerks, book-keepers, other financial clerks Counter clerks	
		413		Administrative Occupations: Records	
			4131 4132 4133 4134 4135 4136 4137	Filing and other records assistants/clerks Pensions and insurance clerks Stock control clerks Transport and distribution clerks Library assistants/clerks Database assistants/clerks Market research interviewers	
		414		Administrative Occupations: Communications	
			4141 4142	Telephonists Communication operators	
		415		Administrative Occupations: General	
			4150	General office assistants/clerks	
	42			SECRETARIAL AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS	
		421		Secretarial And Related Occupations	
			4211 4212 4213 4214 4215 4216 4217	Medical secretaries Legal secretaries School secretaries Company secretaries Personal assistants and other secretaries Receptionists Typists	

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5				SKILLED TRADES OCCUPATIONS
	51			SKILLED AGRICULTURAL TRADES
		511		Agricultural Trades
			5111 5112 5113 5119	Farmers Horticultural trades Gardeners and groundsmen/groundswomen Agricultural and fishing trades n.e.c.
	52			SKILLED METAL AND ELECTRICAL TRADES
		521		Metal Forming, Welding And Related Trades
			5211 5212 5213 5214 5215 5216	Smiths and forge workers Moulders, core makers, die casters Sheet metal workers Metal plate workers, shipwrights, riveters Welding trades Pipe fitters
		522		Metal Machining, Fitting And Instrument Making Trades
			5221 5222 5223 5224	Metal machining setters and setter-operators Tool makers, tool fitters and markers-out Metal working production and maintenance fitters Precision instrument makers and repairers
		523		Vehicle Trades
			5231 5232 5233 5234	Motor mechanics, auto engineers Vehicle body builders and repairers Auto electricians Vehicle spray painters
		524		Electrical Trades
			5241 5242 5243 5244 5245 5249	Electricians, electrical fitters Telecommunications engineers Lines repairers and cable jointers TV, video and audio engineers Computer engineers, installation and maintenance Electrical/electronics engineers n.e.c.

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	53			SKILLED CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING TRADES
		531		Construction Trades
			5311 5312 5313 5314 5315 5316 5319	Steel erectors Bricklayers, masons Roofers, roof tilers and slaters Plumbers, heating and ventilating engineers Carpenters and joiners Glaziers, window fabricators and fitters Construction trades n.e.c.
		532		Building Trades
			5321 5322 5323	Plasterers Floorers and wall tilers Painters and decorators
	54			TEXTILES, PRINTING AND OTHER SKILLED TRADES
		541		Textiles And Garments Trades
			5411 5412 5413 5414 5419	Weavers and knitters Upholsterers Leather and related trades Tailors and dressmakers Textiles, garments and related trades n.e.c.
		542		Printing Trades
			5421 5422 5423 5424	Originators, compositors and print preparers Printers Bookbinders and print finishers Screen printers
		543		Food Preparation Trades
			5431 5432 5433 5434	Butchers, meat cutters Bakers, flour confectioners Fishmongers, poultry dressers Chefs, cooks
		549		Skilled Trades n. e. c.
			5491 5492 5493 5494 5495 5496 5499	Glass and ceramics makers, decorators and finishers Furniture makers, other craft woodworkers Pattern makers (moulds) Musical instrument makers and tuners Goldsmiths, silversmiths, precious stone workers Floral arrangers, florists Hand craft occupations n.e.c.

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6				PERSONAL SERVICE OCCUPATIONS
	61			CARING PERSONAL SERVICE OCCUPATIONS
		611		Healthcare And Related Personal Services
			6111 6112 6113 6114 6115	Nursing auxiliaries and assistants Ambulance staff (excluding paramedics) Dental nurses Houseparents and residential wardens Care assistants and home carers
		612		Childcare And Related Personal Services
			6121 6122 6123 6124	Nursery nurses Childminders and related occupations Playgroup leaders/assistants Educational assistants
		613		Animal Care Services
			6131 6139	Veterinary nurses and assistants Animal care occupations n.e.c.
	62			LEISURE AND OTHER PERSONAL SERVICE OCCUPATIONS
		621		Leisure And Travel Service Occupations
			6211 6212 6213 6214 6215 6219	Sports and leisure assistants Travel agents Travel and tour guides Air travel assistants Rail travel assistants Leisure and travel service occupations n.e.c.
		622		Hairdressers And Related Occupations
			6221 6222	Hairdressers, barbers Beauticians and related occupations
		623		Housekeeping Occupations
			6231 6232	Housekeepers and related occupations Caretakers
		629		Personal Services Occupations n. e. c.
			6291 6292	Undertakers and mortuary assistants Pest control officers

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7				SALES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OCCUPATIONS
	71			SALES OCCUPATIONS
		711		Sales Assistants And Retail Cashiers
			7111 7112 7113	Sales and retail assistants Retail cashiers and check-out operators Telephone salespersons
		712		Sales Related Occupations
			7121 7122 7123 7124 7125 7129	Collector salespersons and credit agents Debt, rent and other cash collectors Roundsmen/women and van salespersons Market and street traders and assistants Merchandisers and window dressers Sales related occupations n.e.c.
	72			CUSTOMER SERVICE OCCUPATIONS
		721		Customer Service Occupations
			7211 7212	Call centre agents/operators Customer care occupations

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8				PROCESS, PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATIVES
	81			PROCESS, PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATIVES
		811		Process Operatives
			8111 8112 8113 8114 8115 8116 8117 8118 8119	Food, drink and tobacco process operatives Glass and ceramics process operatives Textile process operatives Chemical and related process operatives Rubber process operatives Plastics process operatives Metal making and treating process operatives Electroplaters Process operatives n.e.c.
		812		Plant And Machine Operatives
			8121 8122 8123 8124 8125 8126 8129	Paper and wood machine operatives Coal mine operatives Quarry workers and related operatives Energy plant operatives Metal working machine operatives Water and sewerage plant operatives Plant and machine operatives n.e.c.
		813		Assemblers And Routine Operatives
			8131 8132 8133 8134 8135 8136 8137 8138 8139	Assemblers (electrical products) Assemblers (vehicles and metal goods) Routine inspectors and testers Weighers, graders, sorters Tyre, exhaust and windscreen fitters Clothing cutters Sewing machinists Routine laboratory testers Assemblers and routine operatives n.e.c.
		814		Construction Operatives
			8141 8142 8143 8149	Scaffolders, stagers, riggers Road construction operatives Rail construction and maintenance operatives Construction operatives n.e.c.

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	82			TRANSPORT AND MOBILE MACHINE DRIVERS AND OPERATIVES	
		821		Transport Drivers And Operatives	
			8211 8212 8213 8214 8215 8216 8217 8218 8219	Heavy goods vehicle drivers Van drivers Bus and coach drivers Taxi, cab drivers and chauffeurs Driving instructors Rail transport operatives Seafarers (merchant navy); barge, lighter and boat operatives Air transport operatives Transport operatives n.e.c.	
		822		Mobile Machine Drivers And Operatives	
			8221 8222 8223 8229	Crane drivers Fork-lift truck drivers Agricultural machinery drivers Mobile machine drivers and operatives n.e.c.	

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9				ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS ELEMENTARY TRADES, PLANT AND STORAGE RELATED OCCUPATIONS	
	91				
		911		Elementary Agricultural Occupations	
			9111	Farm workers	
			9112	Forestry workers	
			9119	Fishing and agriculture related occupations n.e.c.	
		912		Elementary Construction Occupations	
			9121	Labourers in building and woodworking trades	
			9129	Labourers in other construction trades n.e.c.	
		913		Elementary Process Plant Occupations	
			9131	Labourers in foundries	
			9132	Industrial cleaning process occupations	
			9133	Printing machine minders and assistants	
			9134	Packers, bottlers, canners, fillers	
			9139	Labourers in process and plant operations n.e.c.	
		914		Elementary Goods Storage Occupations	
			9141	Stevedores, dockers and slingers	
			9149	Other goods handling and storage occupations n.e.c.	
	92			ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	
		921		Elementary Administration Occupations	
			9211	Postal workers, mail sorters, messengers, couriers	
			9219	Elementary office occupations n.e.c.	
		922		Elementary Personal Services Occupations	
			9221	Hospital porters	
			9222	Hotel porters	
			9223	Kitchen and catering assistants	
			9224	Waiters, Waitresses	
			9225	Bar staff	
			9226	Leisure and theme park attendants	
			9229	Elementary personal services occupations n.e.c.	

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		923		Elementary Cleaning Occupations
			9231 9232 9233 9234 9235 9239	Window cleaners Road sweepers Cleaners, domestics Launderers, dry cleaners, pressers Refuse and salvage occupations Elementary cleaning occupations n.e.c.
		924		Elementary Security Occupations
			9241 9242 9243 9244 9245 9249	Security guards and related occupations Traffic wardens School crossing patrol attendants School mid-day assistants Car park attendants Elementary security occupations n.e.c.
		925		Elementary Sales Occupations
			9251	Shelf fillers

Elementary sales occupations n.e.c.

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