Parent Occupation Groups

Group 4

Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers

- Drivers, mobile plant, production/processing machinery and other machinery operators
- Hospitality staff [hotel service supervisor, receptionist, waiter, bar attendant, kitchen hand, porter, housekeeper]
- Office assistants, sales assistants and other assistants
- Office [typist, word processing/data entry/business machine operator, receptionist, office assistant]
- Sales (sales assistant, motor vehicle/caravan/parts salesperson, checkout operator, cashier, bus/train conductor, ticket seller, service station attendant, car rental desk staff, street vendor, telemarketer, shelf stacker)
- Assistant/aide [trades' assistant, school/teacher's aide, dental assistant, veterinary nurse, nursing assistant, museum/gallery attendant, usher, home helper, salon assistant, animal attendant]
- Labourers and related workers
- Defence Forces ranks below senior NCO not included below
- Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, mining worker [farm overseer, shearer, wool/hide classer, farm hand, horse trainer, nurseryman, greenkeeper, gardener, tree surgeon, forestry/logging worker, miner, seafarer/fishing hand]
- Other worker [labourer, factory hand, storeman, guard, cleaner, caretaker, laundry worker, trolley collector, car park attendant, crossing supervisor]

Group 3

Tradesmen/ women, clerks and skilled office, sales and service staff

- Tradesmen/women generally have completed a 4 year Trade Certificate, usually by apprenticeship. All tradesmen/women are included in this group
- Clerks [bookkeeper, bank/PO clerk, statistical/actuarial clerk, accounting/claims/audit clerk, payroll clerk, recording/registry/filing clerk, betting clerk, stores/ inventory clerk, purchasing/order clerk, freight/ transport/shipping clerk, bond clerk, customs agent, customer services clerk, admissions clerk]
- Skilled office, sales and service staff
- Office [secretary, personal assistant, desktop publishing operator, switchboard operator]
- Sales [company sales representative, auctioneer, insurance agent/assessor/loss adjuster, market researcher]
- Service [aged/disabled/refuge/child care worker, nanny, meter reader, parking inspector, postal worker, courier, travel agent, tour guide, flight attendant, fitness instructor, casino dealer/supervisor]

Group 2

Other business managers, arts/media/ sportspersons and associate professionals

- Owner/manager of farm, construction, import/export, wholesale, manufacturing, transport, real estate business
- Specialist manager [finance/engineering/production/ personnel/industrial relations/sales/marketing]
- Financial services manager [bank branch manager, finance/investment/insurance broker, credit/loans officer]
- Retail sales/services manager [shop, petrol station, restaurant, club, hotel/motel, cinema, theatre, agency]
- Arts/media/sports [musician, actor, dancer, painter, potter, sculptor, journalist, author, media presenter, photographer, designer, illustrator, proof reader, sportsman/woman, coach, trainer, sports official]

- Associate professionals generally have diploma/technical qualifications and support managers and professionals
- Health, Education, Law, Social Welfare, Engineering, Science, Computing technician/associate professional
- Business/administration [recruitment/employment/ industrial relations/training officer, marketing/advertising specialist, market research analyst, technical sales representative, retail buyer, office/project manager]
- Defence Forces senior Non-Commissioned Officer

Group 1

Senior
management
in large
business
organisation,
government
administration
and defence,
and qualified
professionals

- Senior executive/manager/department head in industry, commerce, media or other large organisation
- Public service manager [section head or above], regional director, health/education/police/fire services administrator
- Other administrator [school principal, faculty head/dean, library/museum/gallery director, research facility director]
- Defence Forces Commissioned Officer

- Professionals generally have degree or higher qualifications and experience in applying this knowledge to design, develop or operate complex systems; identify, treat and advise on problems; and teach others
- Health, Education, Law, Social Welfare, Engineering, Science, Computing professional
- Business [management consultant, business analyst, accountant, auditor, policy analyst, actuary, valuer]
- Air/sea transport [aircraft/ship's captain/officer/pilot, flight officer, flying instructor, air traffic controller]

Please note

- If the person is not currently in paid work but had a job or retired in the last 12 months, please use the person's last occupation.
- If the person has not been in paid work in the last 12 months, please write '8' in the box