

## Overview of Occupations: Major Groups and Examples

When you take the WorkKeys Fit Assessment you will be asked to select up to five occupations that are most interesting to you. Before taking this assessment, please spend some time thinking about which occupations may interest you most. The table below is designed to help you by describing some major categories of occupations and providing examples of occupations in each category. Occupations in each of these major groups use similar skills or have similar work activities.<sup>1</sup>

Occupation Group	Description	Examples
Management	People in these occupations spend most of their time managing other employees.	CEOs, sales managers, financial managers, computer system managers, education administrators, and emergency managers.
Business and Financial Operations	People in these occupations use specific types of knowledge and skills to solve business or financial problems.	Agents for artists or athletes, compliance officers, cost estimators, event planners, market researchers, accountants, and tax preparers.
Computer and Mathematical	People in these occupations solve problems using computers or mathematics.	Computer analysts, computer programmers, database administrators, web developers, statisticians, and actuaries.
Architecture and Engineering	People in these occupations design buildings, machines, manufacturing processes, etc.	Architects, landscape architects, surveyors, drafters, and all engineers and engineering technicians.
Life, Physical, and Social Science	People in these occupations use life, physical, or social sciences to solve problems or develop new things.	Food scientists, biologists, medical scientists, astronomers, physicists, chemists, and geoscientists.
Community and Social Service	People in these occupations provide services to the community through government, private, or religious agencies.	Counselors, social workers, probation officers, community health workers, clergy, and religious directors.
Legal	People in these occupations apply the law to specific situations.	Lawyers, judges, mediators, paralegals, court reporters, title examiners, and legal assistants.
Education, Training, and Library	People in these occupations teach others or maintain educational services such as libraries.	Teachers in higher education, secondary, elementary, and preschool settings, librarians, archivists, and teaching assistants.
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	People in these occupations take actions or create products to entertain or inform.	Artists, designers, musicians, comedians, athletes, coaches, announcers, writers, broadcasters, and photographers.
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	People in these occupations are highly skilled in diagnosing illness or providing health care.	Chiropractors, physicians, therapists, nurses, EMTs, dental hygienists, opticians, and hearing aid specialists.

<sup>1</sup>Occupations are classified according to the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) System. Descriptions have been provided by ACT, Inc. Example occupations have also been supplied by the SOC.

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Healthcare Support	People in these occupations provide supportive health care services.	Nursing aides, orderlies, therapy aides, massage therapists, and other medical assistants.
Protective Service	People in these occupations are civilians who protect people and property, and enforce the laws.	Firefighters, police officers, jailers, detectives, game wardens, animal control workers, and crossing guards.
Food Preparation and Serving	People in these occupations prepare and serve food.	Cooks, bartenders, fast food workers, food servers, kitchen helpers, and hosts/hostesses.
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	People in these occupations keep buildings and grounds clean and looking good.	Janitors, pest controllers, groundskeepers, tree trimmers, and lawn care workers.
Personal Care and Service	People in these occupations care for others or provide varied services to others.	Gaming workers, animal trainers, ushers, ticket takers, funeral attendants, embalmers, bellhops, tour guides, fitness workers, and childcare workers.
Sales and Related	People in these occupations sell products or services.	Cashiers, retail salespeople, insurance agents, sales representatives, models, telemarketers, and real estate brokers.
Office and Administrative Support	People in these occupations provide clerical and other administrative services in offices.	Office supervisors, telephone operators, bookkeepers, tellers, clerks, dispatchers, secretaries, mail carriers, and production planners.
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	People in these occupations raise animals, grow crops, fish, hunt, or work in forests.	Farmers, farm workers, agricultural inspectors, animal breeders, loggers, and log graders.
Construction and Extraction	People in these occupations build things or mine minerals or oil.	Carpenters, electricians, roofers, sheet metal workers, highway workers, drillers, rock splitters, and roustabouts.
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	People in these occupations install or repair things, such as machines, vehicles, and electrical systems.	Computer repairers, security system installers, aircraft technicians, automotive technicians, appliance repairers, industrial machinery repairers, and precision instrument repairers.
Production	People in these occupations manufacture products.	Assemblers, bakers, butchers, molders, machinists, printers, tailors, woodworkers, plant operators, and packaging machine operators.
Transportation and Material Moving	People in these occupations move people or things.	Pilots, flight attendants, drivers, train operators, sailors, ship captains, transportation inspectors, and material movers.