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ISCO 88 (COM) A Guide for Users

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Introduction

This document describes the European Union variant of the new International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-88), referred to as ISCO 88 (COM). The new International Classification of Occupations replaces the previous version, known as ISCO-68. The following sections discuss the conceptual framework for the International Classification of Occupations¹ and detail the main differences between ISCO-88 and ISCO 88 (COM) that have arisen as a consequence of the harmonisation of national occupational classifications across the European Union.

ISCO 88 (COM) represents the culmination of a series of lengthy and detailed investigations in the twelve countries of the EU, combining the knowledge of experts in occupational classification in each country with practical considerations for coding occupational information collected by census and survey techniques and addressing the requirement for an EU-wide standard. It should not be regarded as a different classification from ISCO-88, but rather it is the result of a coordinated effort by National Statistical Institutes to implement ISCO-88 for census and survey coding purposes.

The Conceptual Framework of ISCO-88

ISCO-88 organises occupations in an hierarchical framework. At the lowest level is the unit of classification - a job - which is defined as a set of tasks or duties designed to be executed by one person. Jobs are grouped into occupations according to the degree of similarity in their constituent tasks and duties. Thus, for example, the following jobs are grouped together in ISCO-88 to form the occupation unit group *3472 Radio, television and other announcers*: News announcer; radio announcer; television announcer; disc jockey; media interviewer; newscaster. Although each job may be distinct in term of the output required from the person who executes the constituent tasks, the jobs are sufficiently similar in terms of the abilities required as inputs into these tasks for them to be regarded as a single occupational unit for statistical purposes.

Skill levels and skill specialisations

For the purpose of aggregating occupations into broadly similar categories at different levels in the hierarchy, ISCO-88 introduces the concept of skill, defined as the *skill level* - the degree of complexity of constituent tasks and *skill specialisation* - essentially the field of knowledge required for competent performance of the constituent tasks.

Only a few broad 'skill level' categories can usefully be identified for cross-national comparisons. ISCO-88 uses four skill levels to define the broad structure of the classification at its most aggregate level, the *major groups*. These four skill levels are partly operationalised in terms of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) and partly in terms of the job-related formal training which may be used to develop the skill level of persons who will carry out such jobs. The four skill levels are reproduced from the *International Classification of Occupation; 1988* (ILO, 1990) in the box opposite.

¹ For a more detailed discussion, see ILO, 1990, pp2-3.

ISCO-88 Skill Levels and ISCED Categories

ISCO Skill Level	ISCED Categories
First skill level	ISCED category 1, comprising primary education which generally begins at ages 5-7 years and lasts about 5 years.
Second skill level	ISCED categories 2 and 3, comprising the first and second stages of secondary education. The first stage begins at the age of 11 or 12 and lasts about three years, while the second stage begins at the age of 14 of 15 and also lasts about three years. A period of on-the-job training or experience may be necessary, sometimes formalised in apprenticeships. This period may supplement the formal training or may replace it partly or, in some cases, wholly.
Third skill level	ISCED category 5 (category 4 has been deliberately left without content) comprising education which begins at the age of 17 or 18, last about four year, and leads to an award not equivalent to a first university degree.
Fourth skill level	ISCED categories 6 and 7, comprising education which begins at the age of 17 or 18, lasts about three, four or more year, and lead to a university or postgraduate university degree or the equivalent.

Source: ILO (1990) pp2-3

Skill levels, formal education, training and experience

The use of ISCED to define skill levels does not mean that skills can only be obtained by formal education or training. Most skills may, and often are, acquired through experience and through informal training, although formal training plays a larger role in some countries than in others and a larger role at the higher skill levels than at the lower. For the purpose of the ISCO classification system, the decisive factor for determining how an occupation should be classified is the nature of the skills that are required to carry out the tasks and duties of the corresponding jobs - not the way these skills are acquired.

'Skill specialisation' is related to subject matter areas, production processes, equipment used, materials worked with, products and services produced, etc. Therefore words describing subject matter, production processes, etc. have to be used as labels for the core sets of skills with which occupations are concerned.

Classification Structure

ISCO-88 defines four levels of aggregation, consisting of:

- 10 major groups
- 28 sub-major groups (subdivisions of major groups)
- 116 minor groups (subdivisions of sub-major groups)
- 390 unit groups (subdivisions of minor groups)

Many users of the 1968 ISCO found that its top aggregation level of nine groups meant that the differences within each group were too large for the groups to be useful for description and analysis. However, the next level of aggregation, with 83 groups, represented too much detail for many types of analysis, as well as for international reporting of occupational distributions, especially if the data are obtained through sample surveys. ISCO-88 therefore includes the 'sub-major groups' as a new level in the aggregation system - between the major and minor groups.

Unit groups in most cases will consist of a number of detailed *occupations*. For example, as a separate occupation *nuclear physicist* belongs to ISCO-88 unit group 2111 *Physicists and astronomers*, which belongs to minor group 211 *Physicists, chemists and related professionals*, which is part of sub-major group 21 *Physical, mathematical and engineering science professionals* of the major group 2 *Professionals*. The major group structure of ISCO-88 is shown below in Table 1.

Table 1

ISCO-88 major groups and skill level

	Major group	ISCO skill level
1	Legislators, senior officials and managers	-
2	Professionals	4th
3	Technicians and associate professionals	3rd
4	Clerks	2nd
5	Service workers and shop and market sales workers	2nd
6	Skill agricultural and fishery workers	2nd
7	Craft and related workers	2nd
8	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	2nd
9	Elementary occupations	1st
0	Armed forces	<u>-</u>

Eight of the ten ISCO-88 major groups are delineated with reference to four broad skill levels. These four ISCO skill levels have been defined in terms of the educational levels and categories of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED). Five of the eight major groups, i.e. 4, 5,6, 7 and 8 are considered to be at the same skill level and are distinguished by reference to broad skill specialisation groups. Skill level references are not made in the definitions of two major groups (*Legislators, senior officials and managers* and *Armed forces*), because other aspects of the type of work were considered more important as similarity criteria, i.e. policy making and management functions, and military duties, respectively. As a result there are significant skill level differences within each of these two major groups. However, the sub-major and minor groups of major group 1 have been designed to include occupations at similar skill levels.

Administrative and managerial occupations

All occupations which consist of jobs in which the workers have mainly legislative, administrative or managerial tasks and duties should be classified to major group 1 *'Legislators, senior officials and managers'*. In ISCO-68 they were partly classified to major group 2 (Administrative and Managerial Workers) and partly to other major groups.

'Working proprietors' are to be classified according to whether their tasks and duties are mainly similar to those of managers and supervisors or to those of other workers in the same area of work. This is because the status of 'working proprietor' is seen as related not to type of work performed but to 'status in employment' - corresponding to the 'self-employed' and 'employer' categories of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ISCE). One self-employed plumber may have

mainly managerial tasks but another may do mainly the same work as a salaried plumber, depending for example on the size of the firm. In the former case the job should be classified with managers and in the latter case with plumbers.

'Craft' occupations and 'operative' occupations

To cope with the issue of different skill requirements for jobs with similar purposes due to difference in technologies used, a distinction is made at the major group level between occupations that are essentially craft-oriented, and occupations that are essentially oriented towards the operation of tools, machinery and industrial plants.

Occupations which are craft oriented consist of skilled jobs directly involved in the *production* of goods where the tasks and duties require an understanding of and experience with the natural resources and raw materials used and how to achieve the desired techniques and practices, but they may also use more technologically advanced tools and machines, provided that this does not change the basic skills and understanding required. Modern machines and tools may be used to reduce the amount of physical effort and/or time required for specific tasks, or to increase the quality of the products. The tasks and duties of jobs in *occupations which are oriented towards the operation of tools, machinery and industrial plants* require an understanding of what to do with the machines to make them work properly, of how to identify malfunctioning and of what to do when something goes wrong. The skills required are oriented towards the machines and what they are doing rather than to the transformation process or its results. Occupations where the tasks and duties consist of assembling products from component parts according to strict rules and procedures are considered to belong to the same major group as the machine-oriented occupations. Jobs which only require low or elementary skills and little or no judgement are classified to occupations in major group 9.

Armed Forces

As in ISCO-68, jobs in the armed forces should be classified in a separate major group 0 'Armed forces', even if the jobs involve tasks and duties similar to those of civilian counterparts.

Apprentices and trainees

Both 'apprentices' and 'trainees' should be classified according to their actual tasks and duties as, if needed, these two groups may be separately identified through the 'status in employment' classification. ISCO-68 recommended that apprentices should be classified to the occupation for which they are being trained, but that trainees be classified according to their actual tasks and duties.

Classifying 'multiple' jobs

The problem of classifying jobs which have a broad range of tasks and duties should be handled by the application of some *priority rules*. i.e. some tasks and duties are given priority in determining the occupational category to which a job should be classified, such as:

- (a) in cases where the tasks and duties are associated with different stages of the process of process of producing and distributing goods and services, the tasks and duties related to the *production* stages should take priority over associated tasks and duties, such as those related to the sale and marketing of the same goods, their transportation or the management of the production process (unless either of these tasks and duties dominates). For example, the worker who bakes bread and pastries and then sells them should be classified as 'baker', not as 'sales assistant'; the worker who operates a particular type of machinery and also instructs new workers in how to operate the machine should be classified with the machine operators; the taxi driver who drives his/her own car and also keeps the accounts should be classified with motor-vehicle drivers; and
- (b) in cases where the tasks and duties performed require skills usually obtained through different levels of training and experience, jobs should be classified in accordance with those tasks and duties which require the highest level of skill. For example: there are a number of jobs whose tasks and duties most of the time require a set of relatively easily obtained skills, and where the workers are also expected to have skills which require more training or experience which

enables them to cope with unexpected and infrequent situations, for instance, to avoid accidents or injuries.

It is recognised that a certain amount of judgement and adjustment to national circumstances will be necessary in the choice and application of these priority rules.

Implementing ISCO-88 as a European Union Standard

Some of the countries within the European Union have recently developed a new or revised national occupational classification based on ISCO-88 (e.g. Denmark, Italy) or on the same basic structure (e.g. United Kingdom). Other countries, like France and Germany, have well established national occupational classifications which do not link directly with ISCO-88. Greece and Portugal have adopted ISCO 88 (COM) as their national classification, with minor local variations.

ISCO 88 (COM) represents the most detailed level of ISCO-88 which all community countries consider feasible to relate to their national classifications. Additionally, a number of practical problems arose in the development of a common statistical interpretation of ISCO-88. These problems are discussed below.

Managerial occupations

ISCO-88 makes a clear distinction between *Corporate managers* and *General managers*, in terms of the total number of managers required to manage an enterprise, organisation or an internal department. Where this total exceeds two, the manager is classified as a *Corporate manager*, otherwise as a *General manager*.

This raised operational problems, regarding the possibility of making this type of distinction on the basis of information normally available. It was decided to use the total number of employees within the administrative unit as proxy information, because this would be more commonly available (or more easy to collect) than information about the number of managers. Accordingly, managers working in organisations with fewer than 10 employees are classified as *General managers*. To highlight this difference between ISCO-88 and ISCO 88 (COM) the title of the occupational category has been changed to *Managers of small enterprises*.

Jobs in public administration

The most difficult area for the interpretation of ISCO-88 within a common cross-national application relates to the treatment of jobs in public administration. Difficulties stem from the use of bureaucratic titles/grading systems to denote rank, pay, seniority, qualification, and the need for a consistent relationship between such titles/grades and the structure of ISCO-88. These difficulties are compounded through factors such as the often non-homogeneous nature of public service occupational categories in national occupational classifications.

Additionally, National Statistical Institutes stated a clear preference for the inclusion within ISCO 88 (COM) of an administrative category for public service occupations within major group 2 (*Professionals*). Accordingly, the following schema, illustrated as Table 2, is proposed for the coding of jobs in public administration.

Table 2

The Classification of Jobs in Public Administration within ISCO 88 (COM)

	Major Group	Releva	ant unit group
1.	Legislators, senior officials and managers	1110	Legislators and senior government officials
2.	Professionals	2470	Public service administrative professionals
3.	Technicians and associate professionals	3431	Administrative secretaries and related associate professionals
4.	Clerks	4190	Other office clerks

Notes: In classifying jobs in public administration, senior government officials who manage a government-controlled industrial, public utility, transport or other such business enterprise or organisation, should be classified within submajor groups 12 (*Corporate Managers*) or 13 (*Managers, small enterprises*) as appropriate.

Category 2470 is a new minor group, designed explicitly for the classification of occupations in which the primary tasks consist of general administrative functions within the public service and for which national education and training requirements stipulate a university education or equivalent. Occupations classified to this category exclude the most senior general administrative grades within the public service (classified to minor group 111 *Legislators and senior government officials*).

Category 3431 consist of occupations which support professional and/or managerial staff in an administrative capacity. The range of tasks/responsibilities will be wider than those ascribed to jobs classified in unit group 4115 (*secretaries*). Included in this unit group should be associate professional occupations within the public service which are not specialist public service occupations (eg, customs, tax, social benefit, licensing officials - these would be allocated to minor group 344), but which consist primarily of administrative functions and for which the skills level is defined at the ISCO third level.

Agricultural occupations

The classification of agricultural occupations within ISCO-88 involves consideration of both the skill level of such occupations and the skill specialisation, usually defined in terms of the nature of the agricultural production. Skill levels determine the major group into which such occupations are classified. Within major group 1, two unit groups cover the corporate and general managers in the agricultural sector. Major group 2 has two unit groups for professional occupations which relate to the agricultural sector (*agronomists* and *veterinarians*). Major group 3 has two agriculturally-related unit groups for technical occupations. Major group 6 is designed exclusively for skilled market-oriented farmers and agricultural workers and subsistence agricultural occupations. Major group 8 contains a unit group for occupations which specify the operation of motorised equipment in farming and forestry. Major group 9 has a minor group specifically for agricultural, fishery and related labourers.

The problem stems not so much from the identification of skill level (though this is undoubtedly a problem with the low quality of occupational descriptions which typify this area of job classification) but with the identification of skill specialisations in Major group 6. For this reason, a simplification of the classification was agreed for this major group.

Most occupations in the agricultural sector will be classified to Major group 6, unless there is clear identification of managerial responsibilities as one of the main tasks within an agricultural occupation, in which case classification will be to Major group 1. Specific labouring occupations in this sector will be classified to Major group 9.

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ISCO 88 (COM): Major, sub-major, minor and unit groups

Nomenclature for coding

Following the conventions of ISCO-88, a single numerical digit represents a major group, two digits represents a sub-major group, three digits represents a minor group and four digits represents a unit group. Where no distinction is made below the level of major, sub-major or minor group, a corresponding two, three or four-digit category can be achieved by the addition of trailing zeros.

Occupational categories which include the phrase 'not elsewhere classified' are reserved for specific occupations which are not classified to other specific categories within the classification. Categories which include the phrase 'nothing otherwise specified' are reserved for occupations which are insufficiently defined for specific classification purposes.

Where possible, the numbering system follows ISCO-88. Definitional notes are included to indicate those parts of the classification which differ in some significant way from ISCO-88.

MAJOR, SUB-MAJOR, MINOR AND UNIT GROUPS

MAJOR GROUP 1: LEGISLATORS, SENIOR OFFICIALS AND MANAGERS

11	Legislat 111		enior officials rs and senior government officials Legislators and senior government officials	
	114	Senior of 1141 1142 1143	ficials of special-interest organisations ¹ Senior officials of political party organisations Senior officials of employers', workers' and other economic-interest organisations Senior officials of humanitarian and other special-interest organisations	

Definitional notes:

Senior government officials within minor group 111 (*Legislators and senior government officials*) should be restricted to public service officials who occupy the somewhat limited number of senior managerial positions within the public service at central, regional and local levels. Those managing government owned or controlled industrial enterprises, public utilities etc. should be classified to minor groups 121 (*Directors and chief executives*), 122 (*Production and operation managers*) or 123 (*Other managers*) as appropriate. Examples of occupational titles associated with minor group 111 are:

Permanent secretary Assistant permanent secretary Head of department Director of ministry Mayor Senior administrator, intergovernmental agency Diplomatic representative

1. When a distinction cannot be made between senior officials of special-interest organisations, in terms of the political, economic or humanitarian aims of the organisation concerned, classification should be made to a unit group 1140 (*Senior officials of special-interest organisations, nothing otherwise specified*).

12	Corpora	ate manage	ers ¹
	121	Directors	and chief executives ²
		1210	Directors and chief executives
	122	Productio	on and operations managers ³
		1221	Production and operations managers in agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing
		1222	Production and operations managers in manufacturing
		1223	Production and operations managers in construction
		1224	Production and operations managers in wholesale and retail trade
		1225	Production and operations managers in restaurants and hotels
		1226	Production and operations managers in transport, storage and communications
		1227	Production and operations managers in business services enterprises
		1228	Production and operations managers in personal care, cleaning and related services
		1229	Production and operations managers not elsewhere classified
	123	Other s	pecialist managers ⁴
		1231	Finance and administration managers
		1232	Personnel and industrial relations managers
		1233	Sales and marketing managers
		1234	Advertising and public relations managers
		1235	Supply and distribution managers
		1236	Computing services managers
1		1237	Research and development managers
		1239	Other specialist managers not elsewhere classified

- 1 It should be noted that, in cases where information is limited to 'manager enterprise or organisation with 10 or more employees', classification should be made to a unit group 1200 (*Corporate managers, nothing otherwise specified*).
- 2. This group is intended to include persons who as directors or chief executives manage enterprises or organisations with 10 or more employees.
- 3. This group is intended to include persons who indicate a production and/or operational managerial specialism in enterprises or organisations with 10 or more employees. Additional information about industry branch may be used to allocate the occupation to unit groups 1221-1229. In the absence of additional information on industry branch, classification should be made to a unit group 1220 (*Production and operations managers, nothing otherwise specified*).
- 4. This group should be restricted to persons who indicate a non-production/non-operational managerial specialism in enterprises or organisations with 10 or more employees. Unit group 1239 (*Other specialist managers not elsewhere classified*) is reserved for managerial occupations in enterprises or organisations with 10 or more employees for which a non-production/non-operational specialism is indicated but is not covered in unit groups 1231-1237.

13	Managers of smal	I enterprises ¹	
	131 Manag	ers of small enterprises	
	1311	Managers of small enterprises in agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing ²	
	1312	Managers of small enterprises in manufacturing	
	1313	Managers of small enterprises in construction	
	1314	Managers of small enterprises in wholesale and retail trade	
	1315	Managers of small enterprises of restaurants and hotels	
	1316	Managers of small enterprises in transport, storage and communications	
	1317	Managers of small enterprises of business services enterprises	
	1318	Managers of small enterprises in personal care, cleaning and related services	
	1319	Managers of small enterprises not elsewhere classified	

This group is intended to include persons who manage small enterprises, or organisations with 0-9 employees, on their own behalf, or on behalf of the proprietor, and may have some non-managerial help. Non-managerial staff should be classified according to their specific tasks.

- 1. It should be noted that, in cases where information is limited to 'manager enterprise or organisation with 0-9 employees', classification should be made to a unit group 1300 (*Managers of small enterprises, nothing otherwise specified*).
- Unit group 1311 (Managers of small enterprises in agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing) should be reserved for persons who indicate a managerial specialisation in agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing activities, in organisations with with 0-9 employees. Persons describing themselves only as 'farmer', 'hunter', 'forester' or 'fisherman' would be classified to Major Group 6 (*Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers*).

MAJOR GROUP 2: PROFESSIONALS

a 4	DI · ·	
21		mathematical and engineering science professionals
	211	Physicists, chemists and related professionals
		2111 Physicists and astronomers
		2112 Meteorologists
		2113 Chemists
		2114 Geologists and geophysicists
	212	Mathematicians, statisticians and related professionals
		2121 Mathematicians and related professionals
		2122 Statisticians ¹
	213	Computing professionals ²
		2131 Computer systems designers, analysts and programmers
		2139 Computing professionals not elsewhere classified
	214	Architects, engineers and related professionals
		2141 Architects, town and traffic planners
		2142 Civil engineers
		2143 Electrical engineers
		2144 Electronics and telecommunications engineers
		2145 Mechanical engineers
		2146 Chemical engineers
		2147 Mining engineers, metallurgists and related professionals
		2148 Cartographers and surveyors
		2149 Architects, engineers and related professionals not elsewhere classified

Definitional notes:

This sub-major group includes occupations whose main tasks require a high level of professional knowledge and experience in the physical, mathematical and engineering sciences (ILO, 1990; p.47).

- 1. This category should include public service officials who state that their main professional activity is associated with statistical information processing and analysis or the direct supervision of others involved in such tasks.
- 2. If the job title does not permit a clear distinction, additional information on level of relevant qualifications, or description of tasks may be used to allocate occupations to either minor group 213 or minor group 312 (*Computer associate professionals*).

22	Life scie	ence and h	nealth professionals
	221	Life sci	ence professionals
		2211	Biologists, botanists, zoologists and related professionals,
		2212	Pharmacologists, pathologists and related professionals
		2213	Agronomists and related professionals
	222	Health	professionals (except nursing)
		2221	Medical doctors
		2222	Dentists
		2223	Veterinarians
		2224	Pharmacists
		2229	Health professionals (except nursing) not elsewhere classified
	223	Nursing	g and midwifery professionals
		2230	Nursing and midwifery professionals

Life science and health professionals conduct research, improve or develop concepts, theories and operational methods, or apply scientific knowledge relating to fields such as biology, zoology, botany, ecology, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology, pharmacology, agronomy and medicine (ILO, 1990; p.59).

No explicit changes are proposed for this sub-major group. However, it should be noted that strict application of the principle that this sub-major group be restricted to ISCO skill level 4 (education commensurate with a university degree or equivalent) may require reference to information on qualification. This is particularly the case with minor group 223 (*Nursing and Midwifery professionals*), where particular nursing specialisms may require such high level qualifications.

23	Teachir	ng professionals
	231	College, university and higher education teaching professionals
		2310 College, university and higher education teaching professionals
	232	Secondary education teaching professionals
		2320 Secondary education teaching professionals
	233	Primary and pre-primary education teaching professionals
		2331 Primary education teaching professionals
		2332 Pre-primary education teaching professionals
	234	Special education teaching professionals
		2340 Special education teaching professionals
	235	Other teaching professionals
		2351 Education methods specialists
		2352 School inspectors
		2359 Other teaching professionals not elsewhere classified

Teaching professionals teach the theory and practice of one or more disciplines at different educational levels, conduct research and improve or develop concepts, theories and operational methods pertaining to their particular discipline, and prepare scholarly papers and books (ILO 1990; p.65).

Allocation of occupations to minor groups 233 (*Primary and pre-primary education teaching professionals*) and 234 (*Special education teaching professionals*) as opposed to minor groups 331 (*Primary education teaching associate professionals*), 332 (*Pre-primary education teaching associate professionals*) and 333 (*Special education teaching associate professionals*) is usually performed for the entire group rather than for any part of it (ie. primary teachers are allocated either to 233 or 331, depending upon national education and training requirements). Harmonisation of national education and training requirements will eventually remove such differences. Meanwhile, it is proposed that countries indicate clearly the basis for their allocation of primary, pre-primary or special education teaching occupations to minor groups 233/234 or 331/332/333.

Headteachers are classified to unit group 1229.

24	Other p	rofessional	ls
	241	Busines	ss professionals
		2411	Accountants
		2412	Personnel and careers professionals
		2419	Business professionals not elsewhere classified
	242	Legal p	rofessionals
		2421	Lawyers
		2422	Judges
		2429	Legal professionals not elswhere classified
	243	Archivis	sts, librarians and related information professionals
		2431	Archivists and curators
		2432	
	244	Social s	science and related professionals
		2441	Economists ¹
		2442	Sociologists, anthropologists and related professionals
		2443	Philosophers, historians and political scientists
		2444	Philologists, translators and interpreters
		2445	Psychologists
		2446	Social work professionals
	245		nd creative or performing artists ²
		2451	Authors, journalists and other writers
		2452	Sculptors, painters and related artists
		2453	Composers, musicians and singers
		2454	Choreographers and dancers
		2455	Film, stage and related actors and directors
	246		us professionals
		2460	Religious professionals
	247		rvice administrative professionals ³
		2470	Public service administrative professionals

Other professionals conduct research, improve or develop concepts, theories and operational methods, or apply knowledge relating to information dissemination and organisation of business, as well as to philosophy, law, psychology, politics, economics, history, religion, languages, sociology, other social sciences, arts and entertainment (ILO, 1990; p.72).

Depending upon the specific tasks and degree of responsibility, as well as on the national educational and training requirements, it may be appropriate to classify some of the occupations identified here into sub-major group 34 (*Other associate professionals*) (ILO, 1990; p.72).

- 1. This category should include public service officials who state that their main professional activity is associated with economic analysis or the supervision of others involved in such tasks.
- 2. This category is intended to include persons who require skills at the fourth ISCO skill level (university education or equivalent). Countries should indicate clearly the basis of their allocation of occupations to this minor group as opposed to minor group 347 (*Artistic, entertainment and sports associate professionals*).
- 3. This is a new minor group, designed explicitly for the classification of occupations in which the primary tasks consist of general administrative functions within the public service and for which national education and training requirements stipulate a university education or equivalent. Occupations classified to this category exclude the most senior general administrative grades within the public service (classified to minor group 111 Legislators and senior government officials).

MAJOR GROUP 3: TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS

31	Physica	al and engi	neering science associate professionals	
	311		al and engineering science technicians	
		3111	Chemical and physical science technicians	
		3112		
		3113	Electrical engineering technicians	
		3114		
		3115	Mechanical engineering technicians	
		3116	Chemical engineering technicians	
		3117	Mining and metallurgical technicians	
		3118	Draughtspersons	
		3119	Physical and engineering science technicians not	
			elsewhere classified	
	312	Compu	iter associate professionals ^{1,2}	
		3121	Computer assistants	
		3122		
		3123	Industrial robot controllers	
	313		and electronic equipment operators	
		3131	Photographers and image and sound recording equipment operators	
		3132	Broadcasting and telecommunications equipment operators	
		3133		
		3139	Optical and electronic equipment operators not elsewhere classified	
	314		nd aircraft controllers and technicians	
		3141	Ships' engineers	
		3142		
		3143		
		3144		
			Air traffic safety technicians	
	315		and quality inspectors	
		3151	Building and fire inspectors	
		3152	Safety, health and quality inspectors	

Definitional notes:

Technicians and associate professionals perform mostly technical and related tasks connected with research and the application of scientific and artistic concepts and operational methods, and government or business regulations, and teach at certain educational levels. Most occupations in this group require skills at the third ISCO level (education which begins at the age of 17 or 18 years and leads to an award not equivalent to a first university degree) (ILO, 1990; p.3 & 85).

- 1. If the job title and associated information on activities does not permit a clear distinction, additional information on a level of relevant qualifications or description of tasks may be used to allocate occupations to either minor group 312 (*Computer associate professionals*) or minor group 213 (*computing professionals*).
- 2. Unit groups 3121, 3122 and 3123 may be merged and described as unit group 3120 (*Computer associate professionals, nothing otherwise specified*).

32	Life scien	ce and health associate professionals
	321	Life science technicians and related associate professional
		3211 Life science technicians
		3212 Agronomy and forestry technicians
		3213 Farming and forestry advisers
	322	Health associate professionals (except nursing)
		3221 Medical assistants
		3222 Hygienists, health and environmental officers ¹
		3223 Dieticians and nutritionists
		3224 Optometrists and opticians
		3225 Dental assistants
		3226 Physiotherapists and related associate professionals
		3227 Veterinary assistants
		3228 Pharmaceutical assistants
		3229 Health associate professionals (except nursing)
		not elsewhere classified
	323	Nursing and midwifery associate professionals ²
		3231 Nursing associate professionals
		3232 Midwifery associate professionals

- 1. Change of name only.
- 2. See notes to minor group 223 (Nursing and midwifery professionals).

Note that ISCO-88 minor group 324 (*Traditional medicine practitioners and faith healers*) is not used. Such occupations (where separately identified in a national occupational classification) are classified to unit group 3229 (*Health associate professionals not elsewhere classified*).

33	Teaching associate professionals		
	331	Primary education teaching associate professionals	
		3310 Primary education teaching associate professionals	
	332	Pre-primary education teaching associate professionals	
		3320 Pre-primary education teaching associate professionals	
	333	Special education teaching associate professionals	
		3330 Special education teaching associate professionals	
	334	Other teaching associate professionals	
		3340 Other teaching associate professionals	

See notes for sub-major group 23 (Teaching professionals).

34	Other as	sociate p	rofessionals	
	341	Financ	e and sales associate professionals	
		3411	Securities and finance dealers and brokers	
		3412	Insurance representatives	
		3413	Estate agents	
		3414	Travel consultants and organisers	
		3415	Technical and commercial sales representatives	
		3416	Buyers	
		3417	Appraisers, valuers and auctioneers	
		3419	Finance and sales associate professionals not elsewhere classified	
	342	Business services agents and trade brokers		
		3421	Trade brokers	
		3422	Clearing and forwarding agents	
		3423	Employment agents and labour contractors	
		3429	Business services agents and trade brokers not	
			elsewhere classified	
	343	Admini	strative associate professionals	
		3431	Administrative secretaries and related associate professionals ¹	
		3432	Legal and related business associate professionals	
		3433	Bookkeepers	
		3434	Statistical, mathematical and related associate professionals	

Other associate professionals perform technical tasks connected with the practical application of knowledge relating to finance and sales, business enterprise administration, bookkeeping, legal, statistical and other services, government activities relating to customs, travel, tax, welfare, job placement, licensing, the police force, as well as with social work, entertainment, sport and religion (ILO, 1990; p.113).

1. This unit group consist of occupations which support professional and/or managerial staff in an administrative capacity. The range of tasks/responsibilities wil be wider than those ascribed to jobs classified in unit group 4115 (*secretaries*). Included in this unit group should be associate professional occupations within the public service which are not specialist public service occupations (eg, customs, tax, social benefit, licensing officials - these would be allocated to minor group 344), but which consist primarily of administrative functions and for which the skills level is defined at the ISCO third level.

344	Customs, tax and related government associate professionals
	3441 Customs and border inspectors
	3442 Government tax and excise officials
	3443 Government social benefits officials
	3444 Government licensing officials
	3449 Customs, tax and related government associate professionals
345	Police inspectors and detectives
	3450 Police inspectors and detectives
346	Social work associate professionals
	3460 Social work associate professionals
347	Artistic, entertainment and sports associate professionals
	3471 Decorators and commercial designers
	3472 Radio, television and other announcers
	3473 Street, night-club and related musicians, singers and dancers
	3474 Clowns, magicians, acrobats and related associate professionals
	3475 Athletes, sports persons and related associate professionals
348	Religious associate professionals
	3480 Religious associate professionals

It should be noted that, depending on the specific tasks and degree of responsibility in executing them, as well as on the national educational and training requirements, it may be appropriate to classify some of the occupations that are identified here into sub-major group 24 (*Other professionals*). This is particularly relevant to the occupations classified into minor group 346, (*Social work associate professionals*) (ILO, 1990; p.113).

1. Unit group 3449 should be restricted to those occupations which are specific to the public service sector, and which have no direct parallel outside the public service. Examples of occupations classified to this category include:

Wage inspector Weights and measures inspector

MAJOR GROUP 4: CLERKS

41	Office c	lerks ¹	
	411	Secreta	aries and keyboard-operating clerks
		4111	Stenographers and typists
		4112	Word-processor and related operators
		4113	Data entry operators
		4114	Calculating-machine operators
		4115	Secretaries
	412	Numeri	ical clerks
		4121	Accounting and book-keeping clerks
		4122	Statistical and finance clerks
	413	Materia	al-recording and transport clerks
		4131	Stock clerks
		4132	Production clerks
		4133	Transport clerks
	414	Library	, mail and related clerks
		4141	Library and filing clerks
		4142	Mail carriers and sorting clerks
		4143	Coding, proof-reading and related clerks
		4144	
	419	Other of	office clerks ²
		4190	Other office clerks

Definitional notes:

Clerks record, store, compute and retrieve information, perform a number of clerical duties especially in connection with money-handling operations, travel arrangements, request for information and appointments. Most occupations in this group require skills at the second ISCO level (an education level which begins at the age of 14 or 15 and lasts about three years) (ILO, 1990; p.131).

- 1. Occupations describing clerical tasks but failing to distinguish between office clerks and customer services clerks should be allocated to a unit group 4000 (*clerks, nothing otherwise specified*).
- 2. Where it is clear that the clerical duties involve office work, not customer service activities, yet classification to minor groups 411-414 is not possible, either because these involve a wide range of office activities or because specific information on the nature of these activities is not available, classification is to minor group 419 (*Other office clerks*).

42	Custom	er services	s clerks
	421	Cashie	rs, tellers and related clerks
		4211	Cashiers and ticket clerks
		4212	Tellers and other counter clerks
		4213	Bookmakers and croupiers
		4214	Pawnbrokers and money-lenders
		4215	Debt-collectors and related workers
	422	Client i	nformation clerks
		4221	Travel agency and related clerks
		4222	Receptionists and information clerks
		4223	Telephone switchboard operators

Customer services clerks deal directly with clients in connections with money-handling operations, travel arrangements, requests for information, appointments and by operating telehone switchboards (ILO, 1990; p.139).

Allocation of clerks between sub-major groups 41 (*Office clerks*) and 42 (*Customer services clerks*) will be performed with reference to job titles and/or job descriptions. Specific job titles/descriptions which indicate direct customer service interaction (eg. counter clerk, receptionist, telephonist) will result in classification within sub-major group 42 (*Customer services clerks*). In cases where information is less specific (eg. bank clerk), classification should be to sub-major group 41 (*Office clerks*).

MAJOR GROUP 5: SERVICE WORKERS AND SHOP AND MARKET SALES WORKERS

51	Persona	I and prot	ective services workers	
	511	Travel	attendants and related workers	
		5111	Travel attendants and travel stewards	
		5112	Transport conductors	
		5113	Travel guides	
	512	Housel	keeping and restaurant services workers	
		5121	Housekeepers and related workers	
		5122		
		5123	Waiters, waitresses and bartenders	
	513		al care and related workers ¹	
		5131	Child-care workers	
		5132	Institution-based personal care workers	
		5133	Home-based personal care workers	
		5139	Personal care and related workers not elsewhere classified	
	514	Other p	personal services workers	
		5141	Hairdressers, barbers, beauticians and related workers	
		5142	Companions and valets	
		5143	Undertakers and embalmers	
		5149	Other personal services workers not elsewhere classified	516
	Protectiv		s workers	
		5161	Fire-fighters	
		5162	Police officers	
1		5163	Prison guards	
		5169	Protective services workers not elsewhere classified	

Definitional notes:

Service workers and shop and market sales workers provide personal and protective services related to travel, housekeeping, personal care, or protection against fire, unlawful acts, or they pose as models for artistic creation and display, or demonstrate and sell goods in wholesale or retail shops and similar establishments, as at well as stalls and on markets. Most occupations in this major group require skills at the second ISCO level (ILO, 1990; p.143).

Minor group 515 (Astrologers, fortune tellers and related workers) in ISCO-88 is not separately identified; such occupations should be classified to unit group 5149 (Other personal services workers not elsewhere classified).

1. Personal care and related workers perform simple tasks to assist medical, nursing, midwifery and dental professionals or associate professionals in their dutires. They may also attend to the personal needs and provide care for persons in need of such care. Where no distinction can be made between 'institution-based' care (unit group 5132) and 'home-based' care (unit group 5133), all such personal care workers should be allocated to unit group 5130 (Personal care and related workers, nothing otherwise specified).

52	Models, salespersons and demonstrators			
	521	Fashion and other models		
		5210 Fashion and other models		
	522	Shop, stall and market salespersons and demonstrators ¹		
		5220 Shop, stall and market salespersons and demonstrators		

See definitional notes to major group 5 (Service Workers and Shop and Market Sales Workers)

1. No distinction is made between shop, stall and market salespersons.

MAJOR GROUP 6: SKILLED AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY WORKERS

61	Skilled	agricultura	I and fishery workers ¹	
	611	Market gardeners and crop growers		
		6111	Field crop and vegetable growers ²	
		6112	Gardeners, horticultural and nursery growers	
	612	Animal p	roducers and related workers	
		6121	Dairy and livestock producers	
		6122	Poultry producers	
		6129	Animal producers and related workers	
			not elsewhere classified	
	613	Crop and animal producers		
		6130	Crop and animal producers	
	614	Forestry and related workers		
		6141	Forestry workers and loggers	
		6142	Charcoal burners and related workers	
	615	Fishery workers, hunters and trappers		
		6151	Aquatic life cultivation workers	
		6152	Inland and coastal waters fishery workers	
		6153	Deep-sea fishery workers	
		6154	Hunters and trappers	

Definitional notes:

Sub-major group 61 (*Skilled agricultural and fishery workers*) consists of those occupations which require skills at the second ISCO skill level (education which begins at the age of 14 or 15 and lasts about three years - a period of on-the-job training may be necessary, which may supplement or replace the formal education) (ILO, 1990; p.157 & 3).

Unit groups 6111 and 6112 within minor group 611 (*Market gardeners and crop growers*) and unit groups 6121 and 6122 within minor group 612 (*Animal producers and related workers*) are identified in terms of the main agricultural product. Unit group 6129 (Animal producers and related workers not elsewhere classified) is reserved for mixed animal producers, apiarists and sericulturists.

No skilled agricultural occupations within the European Community are classified to sub-major group 62 (*Subsistence agricultural and fishery workers*).

- 1. Where a main agricultural product associated with the skilled agricultural occupational cannot be identified, classification is to a minor group 610 (*Skilled agricultural and fishery workers, nothing otherwise specified*).
- 2. Includes tree and shrub crop growers.

MAJOR GROUP 7: CRAFT AND RELATED TRADES WORKERS1

71	Extract	ion and bu	ilding trades workers
	711	Miners	, shotfirers, stone cutters and carvers
		7111	Miners and quarry workers
		7112	Shotfirers and blasters
		7113	Stone splitters, cutters and carvers
	712	Building	frame and related trades workers
		7121	Builders
		7122	Bricklayers and stonemasons
		7123	
		7124	Carpenters and joiners
		7129	Building frame and related trades workers not elsewhere classified
	713		g finishers and related trades workers
		7131	Roofers
		7132	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		7133	Plasterers
		7134	Insulation workers
		7135	Glaziers
		7136	Plumbers and pipe fitters
		7137	Building and related electricians
		7139	Building finishers and related trade workers not
			elsewhere classified
	714		s, building structure cleaners and related trades workers
		7141	Painters and related workers ²
		7143	Building structure cleaners

Definitional notes:

Craft and related trades workers apply their specific knowledge and skills to produce or process goods. The tasks call for an understanding of all stages of the production process, the materials and tools used and the nature and purpose of the final product. Most occupations in this group require skills at the second ISCO level (ILO, 1990; p.173).

- 1. In the absence of sufficient information to ascertain the relevant trade, classification should be made to a unit group 7000 (*Craft and related trades workers, nothing otherwise specified*) or to a unit group 7100, 7200, 7300 or 7400 if a broad trade specialisation is given.
- 2. Unit group 7142 (*Varnishers and related painters*) is not separately identified from unit group 7141 (*Painters and related workers*).

72	Metal r	Metal, machinery and related trades workers		
	721		noulders, welders, sheet-metal workers, structural-metal preparers,	
		motari	and related trades workers	
		7211	Metal moulders and coremakers	
		7212		
		7213		
		7214	Structural-metal preparers and erectors	
		7215		
		7216	Underwater workers	
	722	Blacks	miths, tool-makers and related trades workers	
		7221	Blacksmiths, hammer-smiths and forging-press workers	
		7222	Tool-makers and related workers	
		7223	Machine-tool setters and setter-operators	
		7224	Metal wheel-grinders, polishers and tool sharpeners	
	723		nery mechanics and fitters	
		7231	Motor vehicle mechanics and fitters	
		7232	0	
		7233	Agricultural- or industrial-machinery mechanics and fitters	
	724		I and electronic equipment mechanics and fitters	
		7241	Electrical mechanics fitters and services	
		7242	Electronics mechanics, fitters and servicers ¹	
		7244	Telegraph and telephone installers and servicers	
		7245	Electrical line installers, repairers and cable jointers	

See definitional notes for major group 7.

1. Note that unit group 7242 (*electronics mechanics fitters and servicers*) does not identify electronics fitters separately from electronics mechanics, fitters and servicers.

73	Precisio	on, handicr	aft, craft printing and related trades workers
	731	Precisi	on workers in metal and related materials
		7311	Precision-instrument makers and repairers
		7312	Musical-instrument makers and tuners
		7313	Jewellery and precious-metal workers
	732	Potters	, glass-makers and related trades workers
		7321	Abrasive wheel formers, potters and related workers
		7322	Glass-makers, cutters, grinders and finishers
		7323	Glass engravers and etchers
		7324	Glass, ceramics and related decorative painters
	733	Handicra	ft workers in wood, textile, leather and related materials
		7331	Handicraft workers in wood and related materials
		7332	Handicraft workers in textile, leather and related materials
	734	Craft p	inting and related trades workers
		7341	Compositors, typesetters and related workers
		7342	Stereotypers and electrotypers
		7343	Printing engravers and etchers
		7344	Photographic and related workers
		7345	Bookbinders and related workers
		7346	Silk-screen, block and craft textile printers

See definitional notes for major group 7.

74	Other c	raft and re	lated trades workers
	741	Food p	rocessing and related trades workers
		7411	Butchers, fishmongers and related food preparers ¹
		7412	Bakers, pastry-cooks and confectionery makers ¹
		7413	Dairy-products workers
		7414	Fruit, vegetable and related preservers
		7415	Food and beverage tasters and graders
		7416	Tobacco preparers and tobacco products makers
	742	Wood tre	eaters, cabinet-makers and related trades workers
		7421	Wood treaters
		7422	Cabinetmakers and related workers
		7423	Woodworking machine setters and setter-operators
		7424	Basketry weavers, brush makers and related workers
	743		garment and related trades workers
		7431	Fibre preparers
		7432	Weavers, knitters and related workers
		7433	Tailors, dressmakers and hatters
		7434	Furriers and related workers
		7435	Textile, leather and related pattern-makers and cutters
		7436	Sewers, embroiderers and related workers
		7437	Upholsterers and related workers
	744	Pelt, le	ather and shoemaking trades workers
		7441	Pelt dressers, tanners and fellmongers
		7442	Shoe-makers and related workers

See definitional notes for major group 7.

1. Occupations classified to these unit groups may involve some managerial responsibilities, especially where a person works on their own account, with or without employees or family assistance. If, however, the main activity is described in terms of the relevant skilled trade, classification is to these categories.

No changes are proposed for the above unit groups.

MAJOR GROUP 8: PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS

81 Stationary plant and related operators ¹				
	811	Mining	and mineral-processing-plant operators	
		8111	Mining plant operators	
		8112	Mineral-ore and stone-processing-plant operators	
		8113	Well drillers and borers and related workers	
	812	Metal-processing plant operators		
		8121	Ore and metal furnace operators	
		8122	Metal melters, casters and rolling-mill operators	
		8123	Metal heat-treating-plant operators	
		8124	Metal drawers and extruders	
	813	Glass,	ceramics and related plant operators	
		8131	Glass and ceramics kiln and related machine operators	
		8139	Glass, ceramics and related plant operators not	
			elsewhere classified	
	814	Wood-processing- and papermaking-plant operators		
		8141	Wood-processing-plant operators	
		8142	Paper-pulp plant operators	
		8143	Papermaking-plant operators	
	815	Chemical-processing-plant operators		
		8151	Crushing-, grinding- and chemical-mixing-machinery operators	
		8152	Chemical-heat-treating-plant operators	
		8153	Chemical-filtering- and separating-equipment operators	
		8154	Chemical-still and reactor operators (except petroleum and natural gas)	
		8155	Petroleum- and natural-gas-refining-plant operators	
		8159	Chemical-processing-plant operators not elsewhere classified	
	816	Power-production and related plant operators		
		8161	Power-production plant operators	
		8162	Steam-engine and boiler operators	
		8163	Incinerator, water-treatment and related plant operators	
	817	Industrial robot operators		
		8170	Industrial robot operators	

Definitional notes:

Plant and machine operators and assemblers operate and monitor industrial and agricultural machinery and equipment on the spot or by remote control, drive and operate trains, motor vehicles and mobile machinery and equipment, or assemble products from component parts according to strict specifications and procedures.

The work mainly calls for experience with, and an understanding of, industrial and agricultural machinery and equipment as well as an ability to cope with machine-paced operations and to adapt to technological innovations. Most occupations in the major group require skills at the second ISCO level (ILO, 1990; p.211).

1. 'Stationary plant' should be interpreted primarily as 'process plant'. Operative occupations classified to sub-major group 81 (*Stationary plant and related operators*) involve process control operations, usually to a strictly defined set of procedures.

Automated assembly line operators are not separately distinguished from assembling occupations in minor group 828 (Assemblers).

82 Machine operators and assemblers				
	821	Metal- and mineral-products machine operators		
		8211 Machine-tool operators		
		8212 Cement and other mineral products machine operators		
	822	Chemical-products machine operators		
		8221 Pharmaceutical-and toiletry-products machine operators		
		8222 Ammunition- and explosive-products machine operators		
		8223 Metal finishing-, plating- and coating-machine operators		
		8224 Photographic-products machine operators		
		8229 Chemical-products machine operators not elsewhere classified		
	823	Rubber- and plastic-products machine operators		
		8231 Rubber-products machine operators		
		8232 Plastic-products machine operators		
	824	Wood-products machine operators		
		8240 Wood-products machine operators		
	825	Printing-, binding- and paper-products machine operators		
		8251 Printing-machine operators		
		8252 Book-binding-machine operators		
		8253 Paper-products machine operators		
	826	Textile-, fur- and leather-products machine operators		
		8261 Fibre-preparing-, spinning- and winding-machine operators		
		8262 Weaving- and knitting-machine operators		
		8263 Sewing-machine operators		
		8264 Bleaching-, dyeing- and cleaning-machine operators		
		8265 Fur- and leather-preparing-machine operators		
		8266 Shoemaking- and related machine operators		
		8269 Textile-, fur- and leather-products machine operators not elsewhere classified		
	827	Food and related products machine operators		
		8271 Meat- and fish-processing-machine operators		
		8272 Dairy-products machine operators		
		8273 Grain- and spice-milling-machine operators		
		8274 Baked-goods, cereal- and chocolate-products machine operators		
		8275 Fruit-, vegetable- and nut-processing-machine operators		
		8276 Sugar production machine operators		
		8277 Tea-, coffee- and cocoa-processing-machine operators		
		8278 Brewers, wine and other beverage machine operators		
		8279 Tobacco production machine operators		

See notes to major group 8.

No changes are proposed for these minor groups.

828	Assemblers ¹	
	8281 Mechanical-machinery assemblers	
	8282 Electrical-equipment assemblers	
	8283 Electronic-equipment assemblers	
	8284 Metal-, rubber- and plastic-products assemblers	
	8285 Wood and related products assemblers	
	8286 Paperboard, textile and related products assemblers	
	8287 Composite products assemblers ²	
829	Other machine operators not elsewhere classified	
	8290 Other machine operators not elsewhere classified	

See notes to major group 8.

- 1. Assemblers working on automated or semi-automated assembly lines are included in minor group 828. If there is sufficient information to classify assembling occupations in terms of the assembled products, classification is to unit group 8280 (*Assemblers, nothing otherwise specified*).
- 2. A new category covering the assembly of composite products, involving a variety of assembled parts.

83	Drivers and mobile plant operators		
	831	Locomotive engine drivers and related workers	
		8311 Locomotive engine drivers	
		8312 Railway brakers, signallers and shunters	
	832	Motor vehicle drivers	
		8321 Motorcycle drivers	
		8322 Car, taxi and van drivers	
		8323 Bus and tram drivers	
		8324 Heavy truck and lorry drivers	
	833	Agricultural and other mobile plant operators	
		8331 Motorised farm and forestry plant operators	
		8332 Earth-moving and related plant operators	
		8333 Crane, hoist and related plant operators	
		8334 Lifting-truck operators	
	834	Ships' deck crews and related workers	
		8340 Ships' deck crews and related workers	

See notes to major group 8.

No changes are proposed for these minor groups.

MAJOR GROUP 9: ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS¹

91	Sales and services elementary occupations		
	911		endors and related workers
		9111	Street vendors ²
		9113	Door-to-door and telephone salespersons
	912	Shoe cl	eaning and other street services elementary occupations
		9120	Shoe cleaning and other street services elementary occupations
	913	Domest	ic and related helpers, cleaners and launderers
		9131	Domestic helpers and cleaners
		9132	Helpers and cleaners in offices, hotels and other establishments
		9133	Hand-launderers and pressers
	914	Building	Building caretakers, window and related cleaners
		9141	Building caretakers
		9142	Vehicle, window and related cleaners
	915	Messengers, porters, doorkeepers and related workers	
		9151	Messengers, package and luggage porters and deliverers
		9152	Doorkeepers, watchpersons and related workers
		9153	Vending-machine money collectors, meter readers and related workers
	916	Garbage collectors and related labourers	
1		9161 ^ĭ	Garbage collectors
1		9162	Sweepers and related labourers

Definitional notes:

Elementary occupations consist mainly of simple and routine tasks which mainly require the use of hand-held tools and often some physical effort. Most occupations in this major group require skills at the first ISCO skill level (a primary education which generally begins at the age of 5, 6 or 7 and lasts about 5 years) (ILO, 1990; p.249 & 2).

Strict application of the ISCO skill level to occupations in this major group is inappropriate, given that basic education provision always exceeds this level. A more appropriate test may be the length of any associated vocational training. Typically, such training will consist primarily of induction training, lasting only a matter of weeks.

- 1. Where there is insufficient information to classify labouring occupations to sub-major group 91 (*Sales and services elementary occupations*), sub-major group 92 (*Agricultural, fishery and related workers*) or sub-major group 93 (*Labourers in mining, construction, manufacturing or transport*), classification is to a unit group 9000 (*Elementary occupations, nothing otherwise specified*).
- 2. Unit group 9112 (*Street vendors, non-food products*) is not separately identified from unit group 9111 (*Street vendors*).

92	Agricult	ural, fisher	y and related labourers	
	921	Agricult	ural, fishery and related labourers	
		9211	Farm-hands and labourers	
		9212	Forestry labourers	
		9213	Fishery, hunting and trapping labourers	
93	Labou	Labourers in mining, construction, manufacturing and transport		
	931	Mining a	and construction labourers	
		9311	Mining and quarrying labourers	
		9312	Construction and maintenance labourers: roads, dams and similar constructions	
		9313	Building construction labourers	
	932	Manufa	cturing labourers ¹	
		9320	Manufacturing labourers	
	933	Transpo	ort labourers and freight handlers	
		9330	Transport labourers and freight handlers ²	

See notes to major group 9.

- 1. *Manufacturing labourers* include hand-packing operations and other basic labouring tasks associated with manufacturing operations. *Assemblers* are classified to minor group 828 (*Assemblers*).
- 2. Transport labourers and freight handlers include loaders and unloaders of motor and rail vehicles and ships.

MAJOR GROUP 0: ARMED FORCES

01 Armed forces 010 Armed forces 0100 Armed forces