



What is your Occupation Group? The main purpose for collecting this information is to promote and implement the National Goals for Schooling by informing State and Commonwealth Governments on matters that may affect resourcing to your child's school and preschool. You will need to use this table to complete the 'Occupation Group' section. The five groups listed here are used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to classify occupations. Please choose the group (1, 2, 3, 4) that you think best describes your occupation. If you are not currently in paid work but have had a job in the last 12 months, please use your last occupation.

Group 1 - Senior management in large business organisations, government administration & defence, and qualified professionals.

Senior executive/manager/department head in industry, commerce, media or another 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.

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 3 - Tradesmen/women, clerks and skilled office, sales & 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, 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 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/childcare worker, nanny, meter reader, parking inspector, postal worker, courier, travel agent, tour guide, flight attendant, fitness instructor, casino dealer/supervisor.

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, wait/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 in other groups.

Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, mining worker farm overseer, shearer, wool/hide classer, farmhand, 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.

These categories have been determined nationally and are designed as broad occupational groupings. All Australian states and territories use the same categories.