## Some Important Questions About The Work Context Of The Occupation



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## Instructions for Work Context Questionnaire

## Instructions

In this questionnaire you will be asked about working conditions. These questions are about the work setting and its possible hazards, the pace of work, and dealings with other people while on the job. As an occupational expert, first consider the different working conditions experienced by workers in the occupation. Then, with this information in mind, please answer each question as if you were performing work that is typical of the occupation.

Read each question carefully and look closely at answer choices after each question. Put an $\mathbf{X}$ through the number for the answer that best describes what workers experience in the occupation.

For example:

## How many hours do workers work in a typical week in the occupation?

Less than 40 hours $\quad 40$ hours More than 40 hours


Mark your answer by putting an $\mathbf{X}$ through the number that represents your answer.
Do not mark on the line between the numbers.

1. How often does the occupation require face-to-face discussions with individuals and within teams?

2. How frequently does the occupation require public speaking (one speaker with an audience)?
Once a year or more Once a month or more Once a week or more
Never but not every month but not every week but not every day Every day


3. How frequently does the occupation require telephone conversation?

|  | Once a year or more | Once a month or more <br> Never | Once a week or more <br> but not every month | but not every week |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| but not every day | Every day |  |  |  |



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4. How frequently does the occupation require electronic mail?

Never
Once a year or more Once a month or more Once a week or more but not every month but not every week but not every day Every day

5. How frequently does the occupation require written letters and memos?

6. How much contact with others (by telephone, face-to-face, or otherwise) is required to perform the occupation?

7. How important are interactions that require workers to work with or contribute to a work group or team to perform the occupation?

8. In the occupation, how important are interactions that require workers to deal with external customers (as in retail sales) or the public in general (as in police work)?

9. In the occupation, how important are interactions that require workers to coordinate or lead others in accomplishing work activities (not as a supervisor or team leader)?

10. In the occupation, how responsible are workers for the health and safety of other workers?

11. In the occupation, how responsible are workers for work outcomes and results of other workers?

12. How often are conflict situations a part of the occupation?

13. How often is dealing with unpleasant, angry, or discourteous people a part of the occupation?

14. How often is dealing with violent or physically aggressive people a part of the occupation?

15. How often does the occupation require workers to work indoors in an environmentally controlled environment (like a warehouse with air conditioning)?

Never but not every month but not every week but not every day Every day

16. How often does the occupation require workers to work in an environment that is not environmentally controlled (like a warehouse without air conditioning)?

17. How often does the occupation require workers to work outdoors, exposed to all weather conditions?

18. How often does the occupation require workers to work outdoors, under cover (like in an open shed)?

19. How often does the occupation require workers to work in an open vehicle or operating equipment (like a tractor)?

20. How often does the occupation require workers to work in a closed vehicle or operate enclosed equipment (like a car)?

21. How physically close to other people are workers when they perform the occupation?

I don't work near other people (beyond 100 ft .)

I work with others but not closely (e.g., private office)

Slightly close
(e.g., shared office)

Moderately close (at arm's length)

Very close (near touching)

22. In the occupation, how often are workers exposed to sounds and noise levels that are distracting and uncomfortable?

23. In the occupation, how often are workers exposed to very hot (above $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) or very cold (under $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) temperatures?

|  | Once a year or more | Once a month or more | Once a week or more |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never | but not every month <br> but not every week | but not every day | Every day |  |


24. In the occupation, how often are workers exposed to extremely bright or inadequate lighting conditions?
25. In the occupation, how often are workers exposed to contaminants (such as pollutants, gases, dust, or odors)?

26. In the occupation, how often are workers exposed to cramped work space that requires getting into awkward positions?
27. In the occupation, how often are workers exposed to whole body vibration (like operating a jackhammer or earth moving equipment)?

28. How often does the occupation require that workers be exposed to radiation?

| Never | Once a year or more | Once a month or more | Once a week or more |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| but not every month not every week | but not every day | Every day |  |


29. How often does the occupation require that workers be exposed to diseases or infection? This can happen with workers in patient care, some laboratory work, sanitation control, etc.

30. How often does the occupation require that workers be exposed to high places? This can happen for workers who work on poles, scaffolding, catwalks, or ladders longer than 8 feet in length.

31. How often does the occupation require that workers be exposed to hazardous conditions? This can happen when working with high voltage electricity, flammable material, explosives, or chemicals. Do not include working with hazardous equipment.

32. How often does the occupation require that workers be exposed to hazardous equipment? This includes working with saws, close to machinery with exposed moving parts, or working near vehicular traffic (but not including driving a vehicle).

33. How often does the occupation require that workers be exposed to minor burns, cuts, bites, or stings?

34. How much time in the occupation do workers spend sitting?

35. How much time in the occupation do workers spend standing?

| Less than half | About half <br> the time | More than half <br> the time | Continually or <br> almost continually |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


36. How much time in the occupation do workers spend climbing ladders, scaffolds, poles, etc.?

37. How much time in the occupation do workers spend walking or running?

38. How much time in the occupation do workers spend kneeling, crouching, stooping, or crawling?

39. How much time in the occupation do workers spend keeping or regaining their balance?

Never
Less than half
 the time
(2)


About half the time

More than half the time


Continually or almost continually
40. How much time in the occupation do workers spend using their hands to handle, control, or feel objects, tools, or controls?

| Less than half | About half <br> the time | More than half <br> the time time | Continually or <br> almost continually |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


(2)

41. How much time in the occupation do workers spend bending or twisting their body?

42. How much time in the occupation do workers spend making repetitive motions?

43. In the occupation, how often do workers wear common protective or safety equipment such as safety shoes, glasses, gloves, hearing protection, hard hats, or life jackets?

Once a year or more Once a month or more Once a week or more
Never but not every month but not every week but not every day Every day

44. In the occupation, how often do workers wear specialized protective or safety equipment, such as breathing apparatus, safety harness, full protection suits, or radiation protection?

45. In the occupation, how serious a mistake can workers make (one they can't easily correct)?

46. In the occupation, what results do workers' decisions usually have on other people or the image or reputation or financial resources of their employers?

47. In the occupation, how often do workers' decisions affect other people or the image or reputation or financial resources of their employers?

|  | Once a year or more | Once a month or more | Once a week or more |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never | but not every month | but not every week | but not every day | Every day |


48. In the occupation, how much freedom do workers have to make decisions without supervision?

49. How automated is work in the occupation?

50. How important to the occupation is being very exact or highly accurate?

51. How important to the occupation are continuous, repetitious physical activities (like key entry) or mental activities (like checking entries in a ledger)?

52. In the occupation, how much freedom do workers have to determine the tasks, priorities, or goals of their work?


## 53. How competitive is the occupation?


54. How often does the occupation require workers to meet strict deadlines?

55. How important to the occupation is keeping a pace set by machinery or equipment?

56. How regular is the work schedule in the occupation?

| Regular <br> (established routine, <br> set schedule) | Irregular <br> (changes with weather conditions, | Seasonal <br> (only during certain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| production demands, or contract duration) | times of the year) |  |


57. How many hours do workers work in a typical week in the occupation?


