



Unit 2: People

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Teacher's Introduction

This course companion is for core content section 2: People.
It forms part of Paper 1 of the Technical Qualification in Management and Administration, which is assessed externally by City and Guilds.

Students are introduced to different types of legislation in the workplace and how it regulates the conduct of both employers and employees.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

The unit also explores the methods and processes involved in recruitment, which enable organisations to recruit and employ suitable employees who can meet the aims and objectives of the organisation. The workplace consists of diverse individuals who need to be acknowledged for their unique characteristics, contributions and skills. Employers also need to monitor the well-being of their employees to ensure that they remain resilient in the workplace. Students will learn about different leadership and management styles as well as the impact of organisational structures and staffing on leadership and management. When organisations train and develop their staff, they will be more successful in retaining them. The last topic focuses on the different types of teams that exist in the workplace as well as team roles, dynamics and successful teamwork.

The material has relevant workplace examples, which students can discuss in class, as well as further research activities which will allow students to apply and discuss theoretical concepts. The use of mind maps, diagrams and matching activities will further enhance students' learning experience and will assist them in retaining information and key concepts.

Suggested answers for all activities can be found at the end of this course companion in addition to a glossary of key terms for easy referencing when studying.

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2.1: Legislation in the life cycle of an

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ Regulations vs legislation
- ☐ The meaning of 'duty of care'
- ☐ Overview and characteristics of legislation protecting employees in the workplace
- ☐ Rights and responsibilities of employers and employees
- ☐ The legitimate right of employers to discipline or dismiss



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Introduction

Employers and employees need to be aware of the different types of legislation which govern the workplace during an **employee's life cycle** and which protect both employers and employees from unfair work practices and ensure that an employee works in a safe working environment free from conflict and discrimination. This topic will look at the differences between regulations and legislation, as well as the duty of care that an employer legally has to offer its employees. The main focus of this section will be to introduce students to the different types of employment legislation impacting both employer and employee. Both employer and employee have responsibilities to ensure that they are adhering to relevant legislation in the workplace.

Did you know?

The employee's life cycle is a standard HR process in the duration of an employee's life cycle. It includes stages such as Attraction, Retention, Development, and Termination.

Regulations vs legislation

In order for employers to adhere to workplace legislation, regulations need to be distinguished between regulations and legislation.



Regulations	
Rules which are written by organisations to explain how laws will be enforced.	Laws established by Parliament and legal bodies.
Private agencies or organisations control how laws from government bodies and regulators are enforced within the organisation by setting standards, specifications, and requirements to be followed by employees.	Regulators such as government departments design principles of legislation.
Liability for not following regulations within an organisation cannot always be enforced legally.	Liability for not adhering to laws can lead to legal action.

Employee life cycle: The six stages through which an employee progresses, from recruitment, through selection, appointment, development, training, retention and finally termination of employment or resignation.

Regulations: Rules which organisations set for employees to follow or adhere to, which are not laws set by legislative bodies.

Legislation: Laws which are enacted by legal entities or bodies such as government.



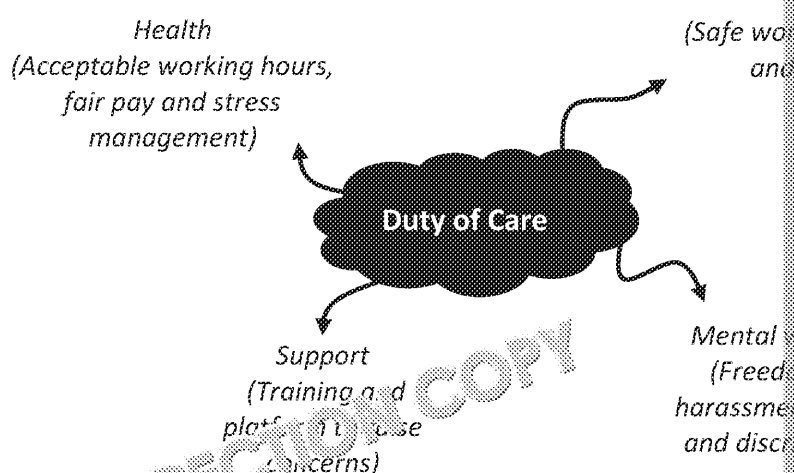
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The meaning of 'duty of care'

Employers have a **duty of care** to ensure the health and safety of their employees. This means that employees should not be harmed while employed at an organisation. This harm includes the physical health and safety of employees as well as their psychological well-being. Areas of care include a safe working environment and equipment, reasonable working hours and protection against harassment. The duty of care is enforced legally through various types of workplace legislation. An employee will be able to bring in a grievance or seek compensation from an organisation if the 'duty of care' has been breached.

Duty of care Employers have a duty to ensure the physical and psychological health and safety of their employees at an organisation.



Research task

Read the article on the World Health Organization's website titled 'World failing to protect mental health and well-being of health and care workers, finds report' at <https://www.who.int/news/2020/05/20200519-mental-health-workers>.

The report was published by the Qatar Foundation, following the World Innovation Summit on the Future of Health and Care, which reported on the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare workers. When you have read the article, answer the following questions:

1. Why are health organisations across the globe failing health and care workers in their 'duty of care'?
2. What other breach of 'duty of care' did the survey reveal?
3. Which solutions were proposed by the WHO to protect health and care workers?
4. What other 'duty of care' aspects should employers in the health sector have in place for employees during COVID-19?

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Legislation protecting employees in the workplace

Within the workplace, employers must be aware of the different types of employment legislation which apply at the start of the recruitment and selection process of new candidates through to the appointment, development, retention and resignation or retirement phases of employees, signalling the termination of their life cycle at an organisation.

Equality and diversity legislation

The most important legislation which relates to equality and diversity is the **Equality Act 2010**, which protects employers and employees against unfair treatment in the workplace based on the characteristics of sex, race, age, gender reassignment, religion, pregnancy and maternity, disability, marriage and civil partnership. These characteristics will also be discussed in topic 3 when looking at an equal and inclusive workforce.

Health and safety at work legislation and regulations

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety cover overall standards and regulations for health and safety in the workplace.

Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA)

Overview and characteristics:

The Act wants to ensure that employers of organisations offer employees a work environment that is healthy and that ensures their welfare. The legislation also oversees the prevention of the possession of dangerous substances in the workplace, as well as controlling dangerous buildings.

Regulations and duties of employers:

- Maintaining plants and systems in a safe working order
- Safe handling, storage and transport of articles and substances
- Training that ensures the health and safety of employees
- Maintaining a safe place of work as well as safe access and exit
- Adequate provision of facilities to ensure welfare at work
- A revised written statement of a health and safety policy made available by the employer to employees
- Appointment of safety representatives to represent employees
- Safety representatives who form a committee to review health and safety measures

Responsibilities of employees:

- Take responsibility for their health as well as that of other people who might be affected by their actions in the workplace
- To work with their employer to ensure that the health and safety legislation

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Organisations should offer their employees training on how to use work and safety equipment.

Management of Health and Safety at Work

Overview and characteristics:

This piece of legislation gives employers the responsibility to manage health and safety risks in the workplace.

Regulations and duties of employers:

- Evaluating, eliminating and avoiding risks in the workplace
- The design of workplaces, choice of equipment and materials should minimise the risk to an employee's health
- The replacement of dangerous practices and equipment
- An overall 'prevention policy' should be in place
- Health and safety training should take place

Responsibilities of employees:

- Safe and responsible use of equipment and machinery during training
- Informing employer or fellow employees of any hazards that pose a potential health and safety risk

Data Protection Act 2018 (implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation)

GDPR is a European law that has replaced the previous Data Protection Act of 2018. It specifies requirements on the handling of personal data as well as providing guidance to individuals when their data is held.

Organisations need to have regulations in place to ensure that the data of their employees and customers is protected against unlawful access.



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The following table indicates additional legislation that has been developed to and safety in specialised areas:

Legislation	Overview	Areas of concern
Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992	Maintains a safe workplace equipment, devices and systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation of workspaces Materials Seating, transport Falling objects Windows, doors Facilities (e.g. toilets)
Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005	Ensures fire safety and standards in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire precautions Firefighting routes and facilities Fire training
Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 Amended 2002	Applies safety measures when manually handling equipment in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment Training in safe loads handling
Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992	Maintains the health and safety of DSE users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workstation design Users, work patterns
COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) 2002	Protects workers against exposure to harmful substances in the workplace which may affect their health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibiting the use of dust, gases, vapours, other biological substances Substances with accident potential
Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992	Makes provision for protective clothing to protect employees against health and safety risks in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of PPE Assessing suitability
RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (1995))	Allows for the reporting and recording of injuries and accidents in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of injuries, reportable diseases, employee, employer
Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)	Lays down regulations for the safe use of equipment in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitability of equipment Maintenance Assessment of machinery When using and lighting
Working Time Regulations 1998	Ensuring workers' safety by limiting the number of working hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hours for adults Working hours for young people 8 hours for adults 40-hour week

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Employment legislation

The aim of employment legislation is to protect the relationship between the employer and the employee as well as the rights of both parties. It also ensures that the stages in the employee's life cycle, including recruitment and appointment through to separation from the organisation, happen fairly. Guidelines and regulations surrounding the employment legislation which will affect employees will be included in an employee's employment contract.

Employment Rights Act 1996

The Employment Rights Act 1996 aims to lay down rules with regard to employment particularly the payment of wages, zero-hours workers, working on a Sunday or public holiday and unfair dismissal.

Whistle-blowing: Disclosing practices in the workplace that are criminal offences or which do not meet legal obligations.

National Minimum Wage: A minimum amount that a worker must be paid by an employer based on the hours that they work. This wage amount is determined by national employment legislation.

In order to determine the rights that an employee has, it should be noted that according to the law there is a difference between the employee 'workers' and 'self-employed'. Employees consistently and have regular working rights and responsibilities than workers. Workers have regular or guaranteed working hours by themselves and works on a more casual basis. Casual workers often fall under the 'Self-employed' workers provide specific services. They are often owners of their own business or work for an organisation to get paid – they will not have the same rights as employees.

According to the Employment Rights Act, employees, workers and self-employed individuals have different rights.

Employees	Workers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to a written statement (job description) that outlines the person's personal particulars and the duties of the employee • Receiving a payslip • Working time rights which include daily and weekly rest breaks as well as a working week of not more than 48 hours • Freedom from discrimination • Health and safety at work • The following types of leave and pay: sick, maternity, parental, adoption and annual leave • Allowance for flexible working hours • Minimum notice period • Whistle-blowing protection • No detrimental or unfair treatment because of unfair working conditions • Getting paid for trade union and antenatal care duties • TUPE protection (Transfer of Undertakings) (Protection of Employment Regulations) • Representation during a disciplinary or grievance procedure • Protection against unfair dismissal and redundancy pay after two years of continuous service • Automatic enrolment onto a pension scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to a written statement (job description) that outlines the person's duties • Being paid National Minimum Wage • Receiving a payslip • Working time rights which include daily and weekly rest breaks as well as a working week of not more than 48 hours • Protection against discrimination • Health and safety at work • Annual leave and pay • No detrimental or unfair treatment because of an employee fearing unsafe working conditions • Whistle-blowing protection • Representation during a disciplinary or grievance procedure • Automatic enrolment onto a pension scheme

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Wages

National Minimum Wage Act 1998

The National Minimum Wage Act 1998 ensures that employers pay workers a minimum hourly rate based on their age. The National Minimum Wage is reviewed and amended in April every year.

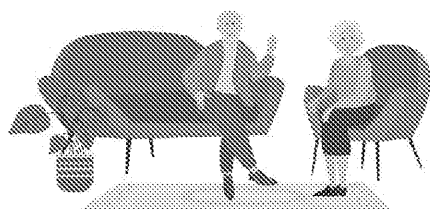
The projected National Minimum Wage (April 2023) for different age groups is given below:¹

23 and over	£10.42
21-22	£10.18
18-20	£7.11
Under 18	£5.28
Apprentice	£5.28

Pensions

Pensions Act 2008

It is the responsibility of each employer to provide their workers and employees with a pension scheme called **automatic enrolment**.



It is the duty of employers to enrol their workers and employees onto a pension scheme.

An employer must automatically enrol a worker into a pension scheme if:

- Their employment status falls under 'worker' or 'employee'
- They are between 22 and state pension age
- Their earnings are £10,000 or more per year
- They work in the UK (immigration rules apply)

The Pensions Schemes Act 2021 has also placed a duty on the operators of pension funds to protect members' interests.

Maternity leave

Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) Regulations 1986 and the Maternity and Parental Leave Regulations 1991

Maternity legislation specifies notification periods for pregnancy as well as the rights that employees are entitled to.

The regulations for maternity leave are as follows:

- An employee must have 'employee' status to claim maternity leave
- An employee must notify their employer of the pregnancy no later than the end of the 15th week before the expected week of childbirth
- Maternity leave is 52 days divided into the first 26 ordinary leave days and the last 26 additional maternity leave days
- The earliest date when leave can be taken is 11 weeks before the expected week of childbirth
- Any employee who gives birth must take a minimum two weeks maternity leave
- SMP is paid for 39 weeks

It includes:

- 90% of the employee's average weekly earnings (before tax) for the first six weeks
- £172.48 per week, as of June 2023, or 90% of the employee's average weekly earnings for the next 33 weeks (based on current rate)

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Parental leave

Paternity and Adoption Leave Regulations 2002 and Shared Parental Leave Regulations 2014

- An employee should have been continuously employed for 26 weeks by the end of the 15th week before the baby's due date to be eligible, or, if adopting, 26 weeks ending with the notification of a match for adoption
- An employee must be the father or the spouse, civil partner, or partner of the child's mother (includes same-sex partner) or the primary adopter to be eligible

Parental and adoption leave applies to employees and their partners who are

- ❖ Having a child
- ❖ Adopting a child
- ❖ Having a baby through surrogacy

- Written notification of paternity leave must be given to the employer no later than the expected week of childbirth or within seven days following notification of an adoption
- Eligible employees can take one or two consecutive weeks' parental leave
- The leave will start:
 - On the actual date of birth of the child / the date of adoption placement
 - An agreed number of days after the birth of the child or date of adoption placement
 - An agreed number of days after the expected week of childbirth
 - On the day the child is born or the day after for surrogate parents
- The parental leave must finish within 56 days of birth or the adoption placement
- Statutory parental leave will be £172.48 a week, as of June 2023, or 90% of the employee's earnings (whichever is lower)
- Parents who have the duty of looking after a child (or are eligible for unpaid parental leave) can take time off to spend time with them or to care for them if they are sick
- A parent has 18 weeks unpaid leave for each child up to their 18th birthday

Shared Parental Leave (SPL) and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (ShPP)

Shared Parental Leave was introduced by the Children and Families Act 2014. A mother or an adopter of a child may want to end their maternity or adoption leave and share it with the other partner, a spouse or a parent. This allows the mother or primary carer to return to work without giving up their leave entitlement.

Parents who share responsibility for a child at birth or adoption are eligible for Shared Parental Leave (SPL) and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (ShPP) if they meet the necessary work and pay criteria:

- Employees must have 'employee' and not 'worker' status to qualify for SPL
- Parents employed by the same employer for 26 weeks by the end of the 15th week before the baby's due date and must stay with the same employer until they start their leave
- To be eligible for ShPP, employees must earn on average at least £123 per week
- Partners can share up to 53 weeks of leave and up to 37 weeks of pay between them
- Pay and leave should be shared in the first year the child is born or placed with them
- SPL can be taken in blocks separated by periods of work or in one go
- Partners can be off work together or can stagger leave and pay



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Activity

How legislation applies to employees

Look at the different workplace scenarios and match them to the correct legislation.

A worker is not satisfied with her hourly rate

A worker is dismissed without warning

A worker is injured on a factory floor at his workplace

An applicant is not employed because she is a young female

A new employee is not given a written job description and payslip

A client is complaining because his contact details were compromised

The legitimate rights of employers to dismiss employees

Unfair dismissal

An employer cannot terminate an employee's employment without giving a valid reason. Unfair dismissal falls under the Employment Rights Act 1996.

If an employer decides to dismiss an employee, the employee must be given a notice within the employee's employment contract, or the statutory notice period. If an employee has worked for at least two years in continued service, they can request a written statement of reasons why dismissal has taken place; the employer must submit the written statement within two weeks.

Dismissals are unlawful if they involve the following instances:

- Forced retirement
- Whistle-blowing
- As a result of requesting maternity, paternity or adoption leave
- Breach of working time rights

Reasons why an employer can dismiss a worker:

An employer has the right to dismiss an employee for the following grounds:

- Lack of flexibility or inability to keep up with crucial changes requiring the job
- Employee guilty of misconduct
- Employee performs work that is not up to standard
- Employee is unable to maintain good interpersonal relationships with colleagues

The employer should first warn the employee of any dissatisfaction; the employer should offer necessary changes by being offered assistance and training, or should be advised to leave.

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If an employee is unable to complete their job due to a long-term illness, the employer must assist the employee and give him/her reasonable time to recover from the illness. An employee cannot be dismissed due to a disability.

Research task

Read the article 'Mother sacked by firm wins test case against employers' by Angelique Barron in *The Guardian* on Wednesday 20th December 2000. <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/12234-mother-sacked>
Answer the following questions:

1. Why was Ms Percy's dismissal unfair?
2. Which employment legislation did Ms Percy's boss breach, and why?
3. What action could Ms Percy have taken when she heard that her boss wanted to dismiss her?

Assessment questions

1. What are 'rules that are written by organisations which explain how laws are enforced' called?
2. Give **two** rights that employees have under the Employment Rights Act 1996.
3. Describe **two** ways in which an employer can show an employee 'duty of care' to the workplace.
4. A manager is asking the HR department to make recommendations on how to improve the health and safety of employees at the organisation.

Explain what duties the employer has to comply with health and safety regulations at work.

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2.2: Recruiting the right people to meet business aims

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ How job roles align with business aims
- ☐ Recruiting to find suitable candidates for job roles
- ☐ Methods used for staff planning
- ☐ Different recruitment channels
- ☐ A fair and transparent recruitment process
- ☐ The role of the job specification
- ☐ Person specification
- ☐ Comparing different employment contracts



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Introduction

This unit will look at how organisations ensure that they have the right people to meet the aims and objectives of the organisation. It also takes a closer look at the planning that goes into creating job positions in an organisation, as well as the recruitment channels and the recruitment process that should be done for it to be fair and transparent. There are a variety of recruitment channels that can be used to attract the right job candidates which will be discussed as well as the role that a job specification plays in attracting suitable candidates. Lastly, the topic looks at the different types of employment contracts that indicate the length and conditions under which employees have been hired.

How job roles align with business aims

The recruitment process needs to be done in the context of **strategic planning** of a business; this is because the aim of recruitment is to find the right people for an organisation who can help the business to achieve its aims and goals.

The type of aims that businesses set during strategic planning assist organisations to find the right job roles and people needed within the business. Aims that businesses set out to achieve could include:

- ❖ growth
- ❖ increasing market share
- ❖ innovation
- ❖ profits
- ❖ product development

During the interviewing process, job candidates are assessed to find out if they have the right skills and training to fit in with the overall culture of the business which is reflected in its aims and objectives. For example, a business which wants to expand rapidly and increase its profits, for example, will have aims that are target-driven and who can meet tight deadlines.

Strategic planning is the process by which an organisation sets its long-term direction and vision, identifies its aims and objectives and develops strategies to achieve its long-term goals.



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Research task

The two links below indicate the organisational aims and job roles that the Coca-Cola Company has. Research the aims and job roles and answer the questions which follow:
<https://www.coca-colabottling.co.uk/careers>
<https://www.coca-colabottling.co.uk/about>

1. Write down the **six** aims of the Coca-Cola Company.
2. Write down **any five** job roles that can help the Coca-Cola Company to achieve its aims. Write down in question 1 the organisational aim that each job role will help to achieve.

For example:

Job role	Aim
Manager Global Sustainability	Refreshing the world and making it a better place and creating a world without waste

Recruiting to find suitable candidates for job roles

The recruitment process is designed to ensure that the right types of job roles are filled within the organisation and that the most suitable candidates will apply for vacancies.

Organisations ensure that their recruitment process attracts suitable job candidates to fill their vacancies.

- Establishing the exact vacant position within the organisation
- Analysing and identifying the type of job candidates the organisation needs
- Identifying the skills, duties and qualifications which are needed to fill vacant positions
- Compiling a **job description** and a **person specification**
- Using the right recruitment channels to target potential candidates
- Carefully **screening** and **selecting** candidates before the interview process
- Scoring or assessing candidates against a set of required criteria during the interview process



Candidates applying for a job

Job description: A summary of the job title, where the job is located, the duties, responsibilities involved in the job.

Person specification: A description of the skills, personality and qualities that a person doing the job must have.

Selection: A step in the recruitment process whereby suitable candidates are selected. This can include CVs, application forms, aptitude tests and interviewing.

Screening: Sifting and skimming through a large number of job applications to find the most suited to job roles.

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Methods used for staff planning

Organisations need to be prepared when crucial, skilled staff leave the company in pursuit of better opportunities at other organisations or when employees reach retirement age. It is important to plan which staff fulfil crucial positions within the organisation and what skills they have, so that successors can be identified or existing staff can be trained to fill these vacancies in the future. There are various methods that are used to ensure that organisations are sufficiently staffed which will minimise the costs involved to recruit new staff members.

HR planning

The planning process of establishing the number of people that an organisation needs to fill various future job roles within the organisation, as well as the range of skills needed, is known as **HR planning**.

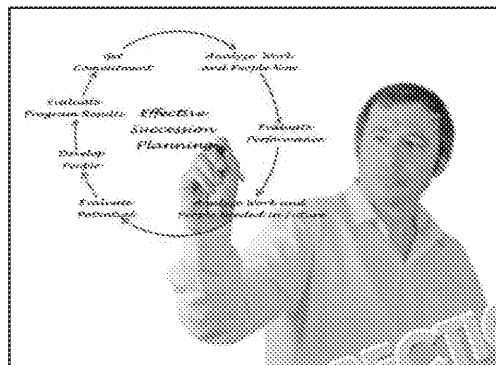
HR planning needs to happen continuously in an organisation due to various internal and external changes that affect all businesses, such as technology, the economy and legislation. Management is responsible for doing HR planning, which forms part of its strategic planning. It also needs to consider the financial budget available for recruitment, as well as the time frames and deadlines for when staff need to be placed or recruited in order to achieve the short- and long-term objectives.

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Organisations need to develop existing staff to fill future critical job roles.

1. Researching and identifying key job roles in the organisation which are crucial in achieving organisational aims.

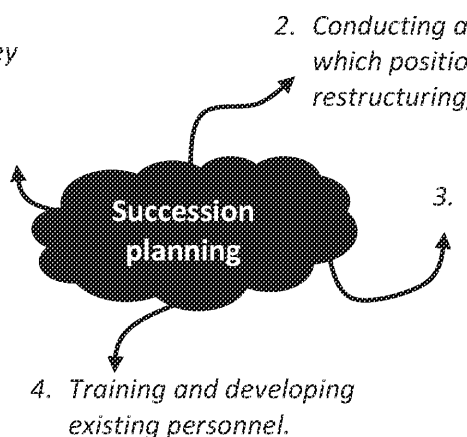
Succession planning:

Planning done by organisations to determine critical future job roles and skills needed in the business and identifying successors within the business who can fill critical vacancies.



Succession planning

The need for **succession planning** in organisations need to be able to replace the organisation at short notice, which to incur unplanned recruitment costs. Succession planning is to ensure that critical positions are filled with the right candidates who possess the necessary skills. Succession planning involves identifying skills gaps and offering training to them to fill future vacancies.



Capacity planning

Organisations need to do **capacity planning** in order to establish how many employees they have available to complete the work. Organisations which do not have enough time to deliver products or complete projects or work will have to employ more employees or workers to assist. There are various short- and long-term approaches that organisations use to plan the capacity of their workforce.

Organisations will base their strategies on the budget that they have available to spend on temporary or new staff, but they will also look at supply and demand in the long run by analysing statistical data of past sales and other changes in markets and the introduction of new technology. There are four types of capacity planning strategies: 'Match', 'Lag', 'Lead', and 'Follow'.

Match

Monitoring the demand for products in the organisation and matching workforce capacity to the demand

Lag

Waiting until there is a high demand for services before increasing workforce on recruitment

Capacity planning

Lead

Forecasting an increase in product demand in the organisation and workforce capacity ahead of time prepared. (Could lead to workers being overworked)

Capacity planning: The number of employees and hours an organisation has or needs in order to complete work within the organisation.



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Activity

Methods of staff planning

Look at the different types of methods that organisations use to ensure that they choose the correct method of staffing for each scenario.

A small private school with five staff members has noticed an increase in the need to offer education online after the COVID-19 pandemic and needs to keep up with demand.

An advertising company has a group of talented graphic designers who will be leaving the company at the end of the year to go and work abroad.

A hotel chain is already employing staff for its Hawaiian properties, given that each year there is an increase in sales during the summer months.

A retailer which sells ski supplies will wait until winter when there is an increased demand for the products to recruit new sales personnel.

A bank needs to determine how the introduction of Internet banking will affect the number of staff it will employ in the future.

Case study

A food retailer has experienced an increase in the demand for online delivery service initiated by the COVID-19 pandemic and is experiencing a shortage of staff to meet the new demand. As a class, brainstorm and evaluate possible short-term and long-term practical solutions to solve the staffing issue. (Refer to methods used for staff planning.)



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Different recruitment channels

Organisations use a wide range of recruitment channels when looking for ideal candidates.

The range of internal recruitment channels may include:

- Internal skills databases or records as part of succession planning
- Intranet
- Organisational bulletins and emails
- Organisation's website

The reasons for using internal channels of recruitment include:

- It is less expensive to train and appoint existing employees than recruiting candidates externally
- It allows existing employees the opportunity to progress and grow within an organisation through promotion opportunities
- It allows for a smoother transition of an employee into their new role because they are used to how the organisation functions
- It motivates existing employees to work hard, with the realisation that there are growth opportunities

The range of external recruitment channels may include:

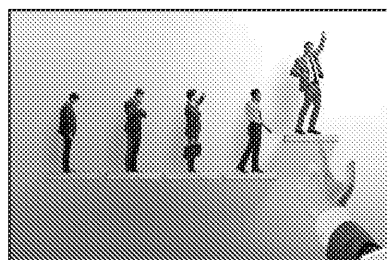
- Recruitment agencies
- Professional bodies which specialise in specific professions
- Headhunting
- Internet, social media and networking sites (e.g. Facebook and LinkedIn)
- Newspapers or trade magazines
- Trade events

The reasons for using external channels of recruitment include:

- Lack of strong, internal candidates for the job position
- The organisation is looking for new talent
- A new department without successors or existing skills has been created
- A new organisation is recruiting employees for the first time

A fair and transparent recruitment process

For the right type of jobs to be filled within the organisation, the recruitment process must be consistent and fair. The process is, therefore, divided into several steps which will ensure that the right roles are identified and the right type of people will respond.



The recruitment process must be consistent and fair to ensure that the organisation can select suitable candidates in a fair and transparent way.

Step 1: HR needs to establish how many and what type of roles are needed within the organisation.

Step 2: Analysing and identifying the type of job roles, the duties and responsibilities, and which qualifications and experience are required for these positions.

Once the organisation has done an analysis to identify the requirements for a specific position, a job description can be compiled and the vacant position is advertised.

Step 3: HR starts its search for the ideal candidates using various recruitment channels, which may include the use of recruitment agencies, social media and employment websites.

Step 4: Selection and screening to sieve through the responses and identify the most suitable candidates for the position.

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The selection process involves selecting suitable job candidates through screening application forms, CVs, aptitude tests, interviews and references. These methods are consistent throughout the process and make accurate and fair judgements.

Application forms

- An application form allows the recruiter to check the relevance of personal information.
- An application form also draws out important information from a candidate.
- Specific questions asked in the application form can assist in the screening process.
- The candidate's ability to complete an application form could be indicative of their effective communication skills.

CVs

As part of the selection process, an applicant is required to send in a CV which can reveal important objective information about the candidate.

- It is often the first form of contact that a recruiter has with a potential job candidate.
- The CV offers a quick overview of a candidate's skills, education and experience, and these elements are matched to the characteristics of the job vacancy.

Assessments

Due to the subjective nature of interviews, job candidates are given aptitude and personality tests as part of their job interview.

These tests are focused on finding candidates who have the best potential to perform the job. Aptitude tests such as **psychometric tests** are designed to test candidates' logic and analytical skills. The latest aptitude tests that organisations use are designed and conducted online, which allows a variety of candidates at different locations to access and complete the tests.

Psychometric tests are designed to assess a job candidate's mental aptitude and personality.

Did you know?

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) was developed by Isabel Myers. It categorises personality types which are used in the world and in business.

Step 5: Interviewing candidates who have made the shortlist.

Interviews

An interview is designed to allow the recruiter the opportunity to find out more specific and detailed information about a candidate to determine whether they will fit into the corporate culture of the organisation and whether the job candidate has the necessary skills to perform the job successfully. It is important that the interview is conducted by a professional interviewer to ensure that the interview is consistent and unbiased. An interviewer should guard against making any subjective judgements of job candidates and should ensure that they have a thorough knowledge of what the job entails when conducting the interview, so that the right questions can be asked to assess the knowledge of the applicant.

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Interview questions and criteria

The interviewer should ensure that the criteria against which the applicant is assessed are comprehensive, covering areas such as relevant experience, achievements, potential. Interviewers should ask the right questions to gain as much information as possible. Questions which force applicants to answer in a prescribed way, as well as questions which discriminate against candidates, should be avoided. Open questions which require the candidate to give their own opinion are a good way of learning more about a candidate's

Presentations

Job candidates are often required to give a presentation as part of the interview. This could be a sales pitch if the candidate is applying for a sales position, or could involve the candidate explaining to the organisation why they are applying for a management position.

- Recruiters should be able to assess whether a job candidate has enough knowledge and experience to do the job.
- The recruiter can ask specific questions to test the candidate's knowledge and experience.

Step 6: Offer of employment.

References

In order to verify whether the interviewer has made the right decision in choosing the job applicant's referees as indicated on the candidate's CV. Referees could provide information about the individual's character and their experience in a certain position.

Step 7: Onboarding.

Onboarding: The process after an employee has been offered a position at an organisation. It typically involves offering orientation training to introduce him/her to the processes and culture of the organisation.

Research

The link below is for the recruitment process at the Coca-Cola Company:
<https://www.coca-colabottling.com/careers/12234-cola-hiring>

Read through the process and answer the questions which follow:

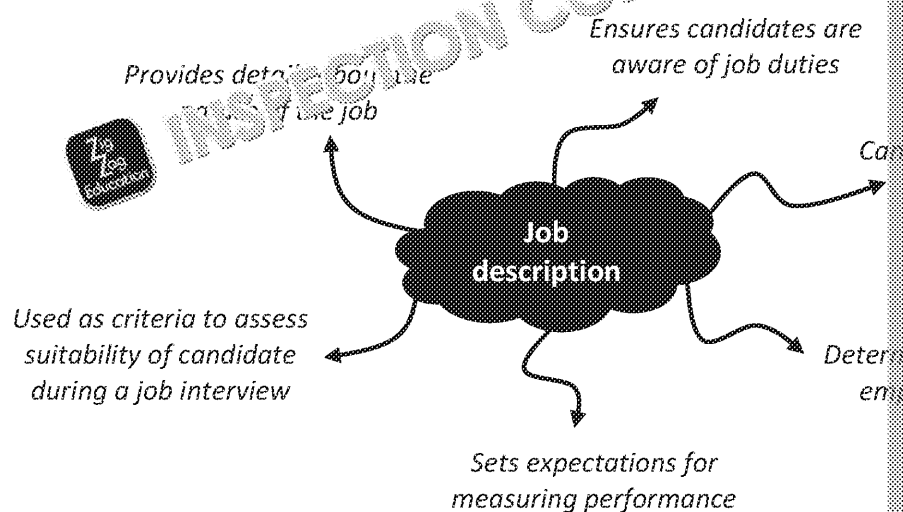
1. Which channel must applicants use to apply for a position at Coca-Cola?
2. What screening process does Coca-Cola follow once an applicant has applied?
3. What type of interview does Coca-Cola conduct?
4. What two other screening methods does Coca-Cola use after an applicant has been interviewed?
5. Would you say that Coca-Cola's recruitment process is fair and transparent?

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The role of the job description

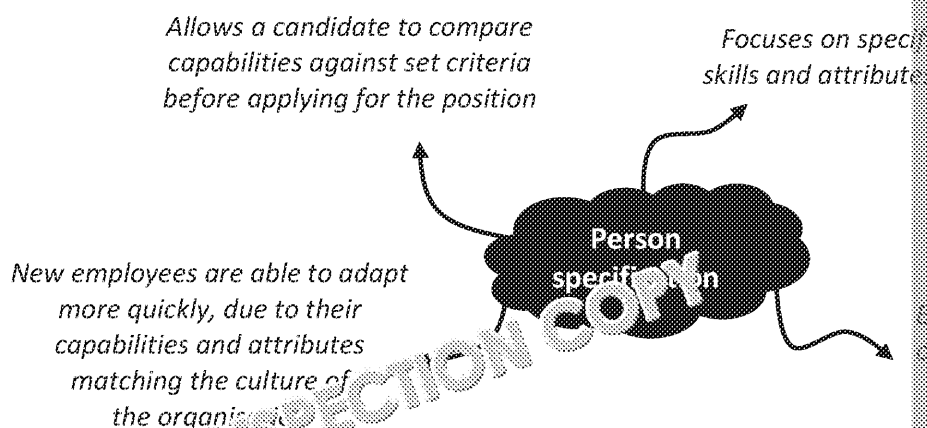
To compile a job description, organisations need to first do a **job analysis** which is needed to do a specific job as well as indicating the functions of a specific job role. It includes all the elements of the job, including the job title, salary, functions, job duties, qualifications and experience needed. The job description should be verified by employees already in the job role.



Job analysis: The process of analysing an existing job role to find out what skills are needed to perform the job, as well as the duties and working conditions.

Person specification

A person specification changes the focus from the purpose and tasks of the job, as in a job description, to the personality traits, attributes and specific capabilities of the person who will be the employee. It should not discriminate when mentioning the physical qualities required. The latter should be qualities that are essential to complete a specific job, such as reaching a certain height due to the restrictions of a specific work environment. Job applicants will use the person specification to assess themselves against set criteria.



Activity

Find a job description and a person specification, either in a newspaper or online. Choose a job you would like to do in Management and Administration. Bring them to class and match the requirements and skills to the job you have chosen.

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Comparing different types of employment contract

An **employment contract** is a written agreement between an employer and an employee, stating the terms of the employment. Both the employer and the employee agree on the conditions of employment. It also includes the rights and responsibilities of both employer and employee.

Type of contract	Nature/duration	Benefits
Full-time	Permanent	Paid holidays, medical insurance
Fixed-term	Valid for specific amount of time or while the employee is needed for the position	Same as full-time
Part-time	Employee works reduced number of hours	May include some benefits as full-time
Short-term	Specific start and end date, usually longer than a month and shorter than 12 months	Same as full-time
Outsourced	Contract between organisation and a service provider	Service provided from its own resources
Freelance/contractor	Self-employed individual	Does not receive benefits or insurance
Consultant	Specified amount of time for specified services	Health insurance, holiday pay, pension on organisation's behalf
Agency	Temporary from an agency to meet urgent needs of organisation	Same as full-time after the probation period

Assessment questions

1. What do recruiters need to know about a job that includes all the elements of a job description? (the job title, duties, responsibilities, requirements?)
2. Explain **two** ways in which a recruitment process can ensure that the right person is appointed for job roles in an organisation.
3. Give **three** methods that can be used to ensure that an organisation is sufficiently staffed.
4. Explain the difference between a full-time contract and a fixed-term contract.

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2.3: Equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ The meaning of equality, diversity and inclusion
- ☐ Protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010
- ☐ Recruitment approaches to support diversity
- ☐ Policy elements and approaches to inclusive practices
- ☐ Values vs benefits
- ☐ Values and benefits of an equal, diverse and inclusive workplace



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Introduction

Workplaces consist of individuals with different backgrounds and characteristics and have equal access and opportunities in the workplace. This topic will look at equality in the workplace and how the Equality Act 2010 identifies certain characteristics. It also focus on the approaches that organisations can take when recruiting employees and how to support equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Lastly, this topic will look at the values that organisations will have if they are inclusive and diverse, as well as the benefits of being inclusive.

The meaning of equality and diversity

In the workplace, **equality** means that all employees should have equal rights and should be treated fairly as well as having equal access to employment, training and opportunities without being discriminated against, so that they can reach their full potential. The equal rights of employees are formalised in the Equality Act 2010. Employers are encouraged to consistently identify and overcome equality barriers that may disadvantage certain groups in the workplace. **Diversity** means accepting that employees come from different backgrounds, that visual and non-visual differences should be embraced and that each employee can positively shape the corporate culture of the organisation. Employees should feel 'included' in an organisation, which forms part of a policy of **inclusion** which values all employees and the unique contributions that they can make to the organisation.

Equality: All employees should have equal rights and access to employment, training and opportunities within the workplace.

Diversity: Employees come from different backgrounds and walks of life, with values which should be embraced and be incorporated into the organisation's culture.

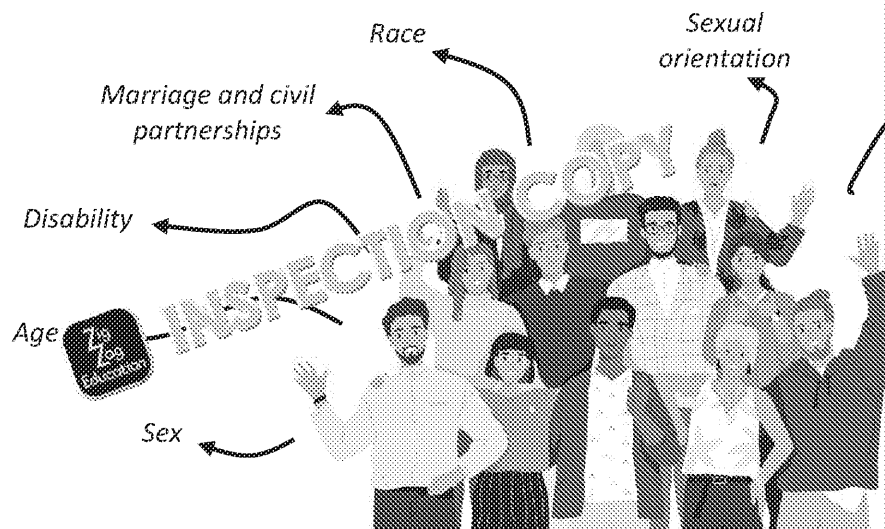
Inclusion: The contributions that different individuals can make to an organisation and included.

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Protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010



Activity

Equality, diversity and inclusion

Look at the following EDI scenarios and choose the correct term for each scenario.

An organisation is encouraging applicants with disabilities to apply for a vacant position.

A manager has decided to offer two different training sessions for its junior and senior members.

A workplace canteen has started offering more halal food.

Recruitment approaches to support diversity

Organisations should use the right approaches during recruitment to ensure that they are supporting diverse applicants to apply for job vacancies.

- Employers should ensure that job vacancies are advertised using correct and unbiased wording.
- Job advertisements must attract applications from a diversity of applicants without excluding individuals mentioned in the characteristics of the Equality Act 2010.
- The organisation's policy on EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion) should appear in job advertisements and the job application documentation.
- Organisations should be able to prove that their recruitment process is fair and transparent.
- The interview process should be objective and focus on an applicant's ability to do the job.
- Assessments of job applicants' aptitude should be fair and consistent.
- Organisations should choose recruitment channels that diverse applicants have access to.
- Educational qualification required for a vacant position should not be exclusive to a specific group of people.



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Policy elements and approaches to inclusive practices

The inclusive approaches that organisations follow on EDI should be included in their policy statements. Organisations should focus on the following approaches to inclusive practices:

- Formulating a clear and transparent policy on diversity and inclusion
- Giving employees platforms and forums to discuss what EDI means to them and how it impacts them
- Creating a corporate culture that incorporates individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Having regulatory measures and auditing processes in place to identify and guard against any discrimination within the structure, processes and policies of an organisation
- Being aware of the different cultural and religious beliefs and customs of employees, such as religious holidays
- Ensuring that the structuring of benefits, salaries and advancement opportunities within the organisation is equal and fair
- Training staff on the latest EDI legislation as well as the occurrence of unconscious bias
- Hosting regular workshops to introduce and teach employees about different types of bias
- Making EDI policies available internally via channels such as the staff intranet

Unconscious bias and judgement make learning difficult

Research task

The link below will take you to the 'Diversity' section of Boots:
<https://www.boots.co.uk/12234-boots>

Read the information that Boots provides on diversity and answer the questions.

1. Describe **three** approaches that Boots uses to promote diversity in the organisation.
2. Name **two** challenges that Boots is experiencing by having a diverse and inclusive workforce.
3. Which **three** protected characteristics of the Equality Act does Boots focus on?
4. Which training initiatives is Boots implementing to promote diversity?

Values vs benefits

Values are principles which determine how organisations and employees behave or act in the workplace, while **benefits** refer to the positive results or outcomes when implementing the values in the organisation's policies and processes.

Activity

As a class, write down **five** important values that your school organisations should have in order to have an equitable, diverse and inclusive workplace.

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Values and benefits of an EDI (equal, diverse and inclusive)

Organisations which value equality, diversity and inclusion will have the following

- Respect (employees come from different backgrounds)
- Trust and confidence (all employees should be involved in the organisation's)
- Fairness (employees should all have the same rights in the workplace)
- Empathy (employees will make an effort to understand different viewpoints)
- Acceptance (employees will have a sense of belonging)

Benefits of equality in the workplace

- A variety of skills and experiences can be consulted during problem-solving
- It boosts morale and productivity in the workplace because employees feel their contribution towards achieving organisational aims
- It promotes good customer relations and public image
- It enhances the marketing efforts of the organisation, through a better understanding that a diverse workforce brings
- It promotes a culture of creativity and innovation by welcoming new ideas from all
- It creates more trust and a stronger corporate culture because employees respect

Assessment questions

1. What does the term 'diversity' mean?
2. Identify **two** ways in which an organisation can make its staff feel included in the organisation.
3. As part of a training workshop, a manager wants to present different strategies and policies that organisations can implement to support equality, diversity and inclusion during its recruitment process.

Evaluate and recommend **three** strategies that management can implement to

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2.4: Employee well-being and resilience in

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ A resilient workforce
- ☐ The importance of well-being and mental health
- ☐ Factors affecting employee well-being
- ☐ The reasons for well-being initiatives in the workplace
- ☐ Types of well-being initiatives
- ☐ Advantages and disadvantages of well-being initiatives
- ☐ Well-being for improved motivation and retention
- ☐ Impact of well-being on the organisation
- ☐ Monitoring well-being at work

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Introduction

When an organisation looks after the well-being of its employees, they will be more able to cope with challenges and drawbacks. This topic discusses the meaning of well-being as well as the important role that the well-being and mental health of employees play in the workplace. It also looks at the factors affecting employee well-being as well as the types of well-being initiatives that organisations can offer employees. Well-being initiatives have positive effects on employees and employers.

A resilient workforce

A **resilient workforce** means that employees are able to 'bounce back' or recover from any setbacks that they experience while working for an organisation; this means that they have a positive and healthy mindset and are able to cope in stressful situations. It is, therefore, important for organisations to look after the physical and mental well-being of their employees.

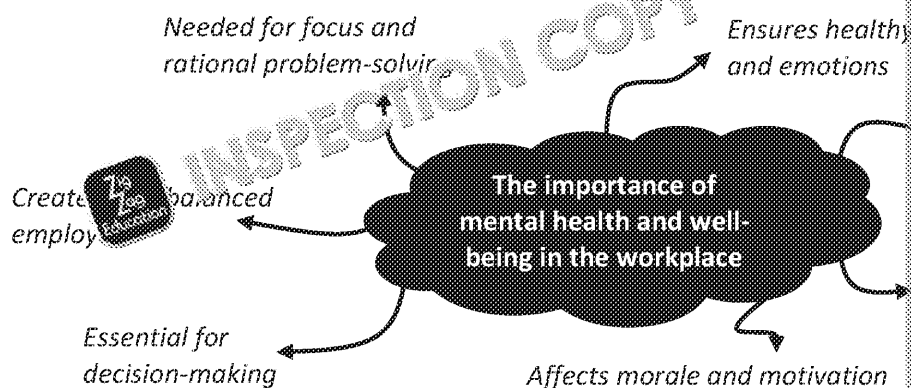
Resilience: Being able to 'bounce back' and recover after facing setbacks and challenges.



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The importance of well-being and mental health

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasised the importance of employee well-being in the workplace. More employees are working from home and are feeling isolated without the support of colleagues. Some employees who work from home are finding it harder to stay motivated without the supervision and guidelines from superiors and managers. Mental well-being will enable employees to counter stress involved in any job position and to continue working productively.



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Factors affecting employee well-being

There is a variety of factors and circumstances that can negatively impact the well-being of employees in the workplace; they are as follows:

- A lack of control in a job role or the working environment
- Long working hours
- Insufficient support from management
- Lack of communication channels to voice concerns
- Stress caused by the difficult nature of the job itself
- Poor leadership
- Poor organisational structures and systems
- Lack of training

Long working hours
Insufficient support from management

The reasons for well-being initiatives in the workplace

Organisations introduce well-being initiatives in the workplace to improve the overall health and well-being of employees and to minimise the negative impacts and risks of an unhealthy, overworked and stressed workforce, which can lead to lower productivity and an increase in staff turnover.



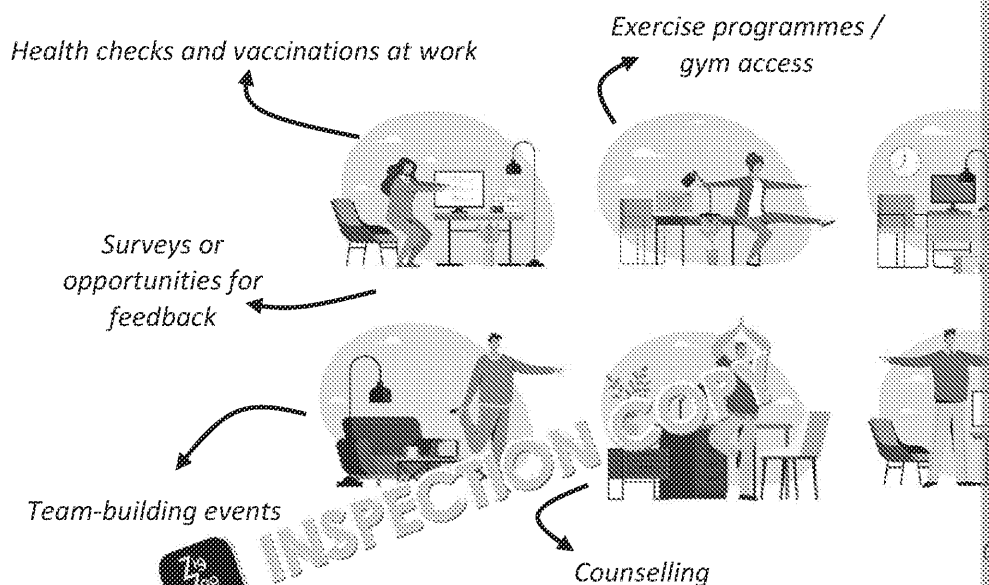
Organisations which introduce well-being initiatives have a lower rate of absenteeism at work.

Organisations introduce **well-being initiatives** to:

- Improve employees' health
- Reduce medical costs
- Increase job satisfaction
- Create a healthy and safe working environment
- Retain existing employees
- Reduce absenteeism at work

Well-being initiatives: Programmes, activities or services offered by employers to employees to improve their physical and mental well-being.

Types of well-being initiatives



Activity

Employees often spend a lot of time in front of their desks. Can you think of well-being initiatives that organisations can introduce to get employees to 'move' and improve their physical health? Share your ideas with the class.

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Advantages and disadvantages of well-being initiatives

Employers who focus on the well-being and mental health of employees experience the following positive outcomes:

- More productive workers
- Staff have a higher morale due to continued mental support from management
- Employees develop the ability to be flexible and adapt to changes required from their job roles
- Staff engage in healthy interpersonal relations with their colleagues
- The organisation experiences lower absenteeism and staff turnover
- An organisation that cares about the well-being of its employees serves as a strong motivation for potential job candidates to join the organisation



The employees are motivated by the support from management.

Wellness programmes are beneficial in the workplace, but they can also have the following disadvantages:

- Additional costs are involved in launching and maintaining wellness programmes
- There might be a lack of enthusiasm from staff to participate in wellness programmes
- Additional time and resources are needed to sustain wellness programmes.
- A lack of participation in these initiatives may lead to time and money being invested elsewhere or used to achieve other important organisational goals

Research task

The link below is for an article titled 'Boots UK signs pledge for inclusion and well-being'.
[zzed.uk/12234-boots-inclusive](https://www.zigzagged.uk/12234-boots-inclusive)

Read the article and answer the questions which follow:

1. Which **three** existing well-being initiatives has Boots UK already introduced?
2. Write down, in your own words, how you think the following new well-being initiatives at Boots can assist in the well-being of pharmacists:
Wellbeing Hub, Wellbeing Action Plan, Wellbeing Steering Group
3. Organisations also need to monitor the well-being of their employees. What can you suggest to help with the monitoring of the mental health of Boots pharmacists?

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Well-being for improved motivation and retention

Employers who are focused on improving employee well-being through various initiatives and assistance schemes will improve the level of motivation of their employees and will be able to improve retention at the organisation for the following reasons:

- Employees will have a sense of belonging and loyalty if the organisation invests time in them, and they are likely to stay at the organisation for longer.
- Initiatives such as team building will improve trust between employees, which leads to better cooperation and motivation.
- When organisations focus on employee well-being, they are improving the psychological and physical well-being of their employees, which will lead to a lower rate of long-term illness and absenteeism from work.



On well-being

Impact of wellness on the organisation

Organisations which have successful wellness programmes and initiatives experience the following areas:

- Productivity
- Motivation
- Interpersonal relationships
- Level of trust
- Absenteeism
- Physical health
- Communication

Monitoring well-being at work

Organisations should ensure that they implement ways to monitor the well-being of staff in order to maintain their health and for prevention and early detection of any problems or physical health problems.

Well-being monitoring may include:

- Helpline or counselling centres
- Regular health screenings
- Regular health surveys
- Health personnel at the workplace
- First aid classes
- Well-being committees
- Well-being champions



Regular health monitoring

Assessment questions

1. State **two** factors in the workplace that can affect an employee's well-being.
2. Explain how employee wellness initiatives can improve retention in an organisation.
3. An organisation has been experiencing a low morale among staff members and high staff turnover. Explain what approaches management can take to improve the well-being of staff and to counter the low morale and high staff turnover.

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2.5: Managing people in different

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ Approaches to managing people
- ☐ Importance of managing people in the workplace
- ☐ Organisational structures and leadership
- ☐ Management approaches in different situations



Managing people in different situations

Introduction



Organisations need managers and leaders to lead and motivate their subordinates and functions within the workplace in order for organisations to achieve their objectives. This unit looks at the different approaches and styles that managers apply in the workplace to manage people in order to achieve the outcomes of the organisation and to influence their behaviour. It also looks at the ways in which organisations are structured or function and how these structures have an impact on the ways in which people are managed. Different business situations and leadership approaches and these will be explored.

Approaches to managing people

In order to understand the different management approaches and leadership styles that organisations have, one must be able to distinguish between management and leadership. Managers are responsible for the allocation of resources as well as the coordination of processes and activities and the implementation of various functions within an organisation, ranging from finance and administration to human resources and information technology in order to achieve the aims and goals of the organisation. The way in which a manager coordinates and manages activities is known as their **management style**.

Did you know?

'Leadership is not something you want to be. It is something you want to do.'
— Dwight D. Eisenhower

Leadership refers to the natural qualities and characteristics which an individual possesses that influence their behaviour when managing and leading people in the workplace. A leader motivates employees to complete various tasks effectively within a specific period of time to produce a high output within an organisation. The natural way in which a person motivates people is known as a **leadership style**.

Leadership style: The way in which a leader motivates and leads subordinates based on their natural qualities.

Management style: The way in which a manager instructs, coordinates and implements activities in the workplace influenced by their leadership style.



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The table below illustrates the different approaches to management and leadership.

Management style	Type of leader	Characteristics	Authority and decisions
Directive	Autocratic/ Authoritative	Leader issues instructions and expects tasks to be done	Full authority lies with manager and they make decisions
Participative/ Collaborative	Democratic	Leader involves subordinates through discussions and open forums	Subordinates assist with decision-making
Delegative	Laissez-faire	Manager will delegate tasks to competent subordinates and will not get further involved	Subordinates make decisions which are needed for tasks completed. Manager will make decisions if dictated by higher authority.
Pacesetter	A combination of autocratic, democratic and laissez-faire	The leader will set clear performance standards that subordinates must achieve, and will expect them to meet high standards	Subordinates must take responsibility for their own decisions and performance. They decide whether intervention is needed.

Activity

Different management styles

Look at the scenarios below and match them to the correct management style.

A manager is briefing a team of computer programmers on a new project, after which they will not get further involved.

A manager gives their subordinates instructions to stop the manufacturing of a certain product.

A team manager demonstrates how to create an animation to a group of graphic designers; they expect them to recreate it and to follow the exact specifications.

A manager asks their subordinates to brainstorm ideas for a new product.

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The importance of managing people in the workplace

Managing and leading people is part of the command function in organisations and it is an important function which allows the giving and receiving of information and the flow of instructions from the top to the bottom of the organisational hierarchy in an organisation.

Managing people is an important function for the following reasons:

- It coordinates the activities and functions of incumbents (position holders) within an organisation
- It plays an important role in the communication of instructions, tasks and information
- It oversees the output processes and production function and processes within an organisation and, therefore, maintains productivity within an organisation
- It builds and helps to strengthen interpersonal relationships within an organisation
- It motivates subordinates to complete tasks
- It is needed for crisis management
- It regulates poor or negative behaviour and controls conflict in an organisation

Activity

Identify a leader or a role model that you look up to or admire, and discuss what makes them a good leader.

Organisational structures and leadership

The different ways in which organisations are structured, or their **organisational hierarchies**, will impact the way in which managers will manage employees within an organisation.

A **matrix hierarchy** structures the organisation according to functions where team members report to functional managers as well as project managers.

In a matrix approach, employees are managed in the following ways:

- Employees share their expertise outside of their functional departments with their project team members when working on projects.
- Communication is shared more easily by employees with project and functional managers than in the top-down or bottom-up hierarchy.
- Project and functional managers will focus on the different strengths and participation of subordinates and team members to get tasks done.
- The leadership and management approach under this structure will be collaborative, democratic and people-driven because the expertise of different team members are needed to complete tasks.

In a **functional hierarchy**, the organisation is structured into different departmental functions could include marketing, finance, production, administration and human resources.

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Organisational hierarchy: The way in which the roles and functions are structured to differ from top management to middle management, down to subordinates.

Functional hierarchy: An organisational hierarchy where the organisation is structured into departments or departments.

Matrix hierarchy: An organisational hierarchy which combines two different types of hierarchy which allows subordinates to function in departments and project teams needed to complete tasks.

In a functional hierarchy, employees are managed in the following ways:

- Departmental managers will issue instructions to employees within their function and direct line of control.
- Employees report to one manager in charge of their function.
- Employees are expected to share expertise within their function or department only.
- Managers lead in an autocratic, directive style due to the 'top-down' structures, with instructions being communicated downwards, leaving little opportunity for feedback from subordinates.



Management approaches in different staffing situations

Organisations will have different staff members who are employed on different terms. These staff members include permanent and temporary staff, staff who report directly to management in the organisation, or staff who report indirectly to management who work remotely or who are outsourced.

Different types of employees need to be managed in different ways in order for tasks to be completed effectively within organisations.

Remote employees

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in the number of employees who work remotely at organisations. Managers need to apply different management techniques to manage remote employees.

There will be a strong emphasis on collaboration, democratic leadership because remote employees need to be encouraged to feel included in the day-to-day operation of the organisation as well as in the decision-making process of the organisation.

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Some guidelines when managing remote employees include:

- Managing interpersonal relationships and collaboration between staff who are off-site
- Effective communication channels to keep remote staff aware of the day-to-day of the organisation
- Updating and involving staff on a regular basis through regular online contact
- Offering mental support to remote colleagues who might feel isolated
- Involving remote employees in decision-making
- Rewarding positive contributions
- Maintaining a high level of trust in remote employees

Outsourced employees

When organisations need specific skills or tasks completed, they may turn to **outsourced employees** or so-called third-party vendors. This allows the organisation to save the cost of employing staff on a permanent basis and allows the organisation to pay for the specific work done when the need arises.

Outsourced employees will require a delegative or laissez-faire approach to management because they are not directly employed by the organisation. Managers will have to brief them on the tasks that need to be completed and should trust their expertise to get the tasks done.



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Outsourced employees can be managed more effectively in the following ways:

- Providing adequate background and/or training on the operational aspects of the business
- Adopting inclusive management practices that will allow outsourced staff to become part of the culture of the organisation in order to improve communication between internal and external staff
- Monitoring staff consistently to ensure that they stay motivated and they can be given feedback
- Staying in touch and applying effective communication methods

Research task

The link below is for an article titled 'Thousands of HSBC and JP Morgan staff to work from home'.



Read the article and answer the questions which follow:

1. Name **three** advantages of staff working from home which are mentioned in the article.
2. Which leadership styles will HSBC and JP Morgan need to adopt for managing staff working from home and why?
3. What will the challenges be that managers will face when allowing their staff to work from home?

Assessment questions

1. Identify **three** types of management approach that are used to manage staff working from home in the workplace.
2. Give **two** reasons why staff should be managed in the workplace.
3. An organisation has been allowing its staff members to work remotely. Analyse the implications of this decision on the leadership and management that will be needed to manage the remote staff effectively.



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2.6: Approaches to skills development in

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ Processes for staff development
- ☐ Elements in the induction process
- ☐ Employee ownership of personal and professional development
- ☐ Employee engagement
- ☐ The role of motivation in training employees
- ☐ Setting SMART targets for CPD
- ☐ Coaching and mentoring in the workplace
- ☐ Organisational benefits of CPD

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Introduction

This topic looks at how organisations can train and develop their existing and new staff so that they will continue to be productive throughout their life cycles at the organisation. The processes for developing staff are explored, as well as the elements that are included in an induction process. The responsibility for their own professional development within an organisation by identifying their own needs. Once employees have communicated their training needs, they can track their progress against SMART targets and tracking their progress on a CPD log. In order for employees to stay on track, organisations will coach and mentor employees to work towards their goals. Organisations will benefit from continuous staff development.

Processes for staff development

It is important for organisations to invest time in their human resources by offering continuous development throughout an employee's life cycle. Not only will this benefit the organisation and its current staff, but it can also attract new employees. Induction is a process that employees stay committed to the organisation because they are more knowledgeable about their job roles more effectively. Trained staff can be promoted and will remain in the organisation which will improve retention.

Many employees work in highly pressurised environments where the expectation is to perform tasks effectively in a short period of time, leaving little room for error. Training helps developing staff members to be flexible and multiskilled, and to improve staff productivity when completing tasks in the workplace.

Training can take place either **internally** within the organisation, i.e. training staff by utilising HR and existing staff members, or **externally** through the use of organisations outside the organisation.

There are different types of training approaches that organisations can take. They are:

- **Task/job rotation**

An employee could be asked to perform a different job role at the same level and share their experience and knowledge which can be helpful in the future. This will allow employees to become multiskilled, which will allow them to step in when they are unable to fulfil their job roles at certain times. Job rotation opportunities can be used to allow employees to work within their job fields abroad in order to gain more experience.

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- **Coaching/mentoring**

With the coaching method of training, a more experienced staff member or senior staff member provides more about their job position in the organisation. This can help build strong relationships with senior staff. This is also a valuable training tool for succession if employees leave the organisation and require further training in management.

- **Workshops**

Workplace workshops allow an organisation to design training programmes in specific areas of development and training. These are identified during job performance reviews and can be done over a short period of time. Skilled and trained experts can address the difficulties.

- **Conferences**

Trade conferences expose employees to professionals in their trade and profession. They can gather information about best practices and to stay up to date with changes in their industry. These conferences can also offer valuable networking opportunities to collaborate on projects.

- **On-the-job development**

On-the-job development involves a superior or manager who will monitor or assist an employee while they are performing tasks or duties required within their job role. This could involve troubleshooting and brainstorming solutions as problems arise to develop new skills while the job is being done.

- **Performance reviews**

Managers can identify gaps in employees' experience and training during performance reviews when employees are assessed and evaluated on their performance or ability to meet their performance targets within their job roles.



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Activity

Processes Staff development

Match each scenario to a staff development approach.

A new employee needs to be introduced to the tasks and duties of their new job.

An existing employee would like to learn more about the latest developments in the banking sector.

The marketing manager wants marketers to learn about the production of the organisation's products.

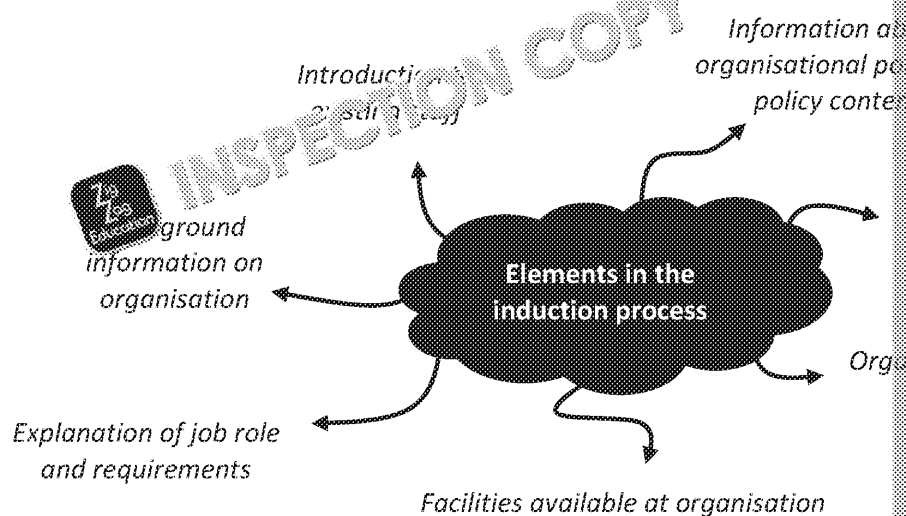
An employee is not reaching their sales targets due to a lack of product knowledge.

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Elements in the induction process

The induction process allows new employees to be introduced to the organisation, colleagues, functions, systems and practices of the organisation. It is important for them to be confident and included on the first day in order to ensure a smooth transition into the organisation so that they can perform job duties as soon as possible to ensure productivity.



Activity

As a class, discuss possible challenges that a new employee may face during the first week in the workplace.

Induction: The process of familiarising new employees with the processes and procedures of the organisation so that they can perform their job roles successfully.

Employee ownership of personal and professional development

Employees should understand their own roles in achieving organisational aims and objectives. They need to anticipate changes that could occur in their current job roles and should be proactive in improving their skills to continue to perform their job roles effectively.

An employee can take responsibility for their own personal development in the following ways:

- Understanding how their job role aligns with the aims and objectives of the organisation
- Keeping up to date with changes and opportunities for career development within their specific field
- Identifying training needs during performance appraisal sessions
- Consistently attending training and counselling sessions offered by the organisation
- Cooperating with coaches and mentors
- Communicating training needs to HR
- Understanding self-learning

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Employee engagement (EE)

Employee engagement refers to the level of motivation and dedication that an employee will have towards their job role and whether they are satisfied within their role. It is important for organisations to have engaged employees who will understand their role towards achieving the aims of the organisation, which will increase their level of dedication and commitment to the organisation. Motivated employees will arrive at the workplace with a sense of purpose. Organisations with motivated employees achieve greater levels of productivity and are more successful.

Why is employee engagement important?

- Employees understand the significance of their job roles within the larger organisation
- Employees are motivated because they feel valued
- Engaged employees are highly skilled because they focus on career progression
- Employees who are motivated are more productive
- Employees are loyal to the organisation and remain at the organisation for longer
- It improves the mental health and well-being of employees

The role of motivation in engaging employees

Various models of motivational theory exist which organisations apply to assist them in keeping their workforce motivated and engaged. These models focus on meeting different needs of employees as well as the role played by **intrinsic** and **extrinsic** factors or drivers in motivating employees to achieve organisational goals. Employers will aim to satisfy the different needs that employees have and will consider the various intrinsic and extrinsic factors or drivers when motivating employees to complete tasks.

Motivational theory

Motivational theory	Description	Needs/desires/factors to achieve
Maslow's hierarchy of needs	Employees need to fulfil different levels of needs in order to be motivated and engaged.	Physiological, security, esteem and self-actualisation
McClelland's human motivation theory	Individuals have three main desires in the world of work.	Power, affiliation and achievement
Hertzberg's two factor theory	There are factors that keep workers satisfied, known as hygiene factors, and factors that motivate employees, known as motivational factors.	Hygiene factors: security, working conditions, salary Motivational factors: responsibility, achievement, growth

Motivational drivers encouraging individual development

It is important for team leaders, managers, mentors and coaches to understand the needs of individuals to accomplish their individual goals. Some of the drivers are:

- **Achievement/self-actualisation:** Employees will feel satisfied once they have successfully completed a task. They also want to be challenged and use their talents to the best of their ability.
- **Leadership/power:** Some individuals like to have an influence over others and project their ideas. They are only satisfied once they achieve a sense of leadership.
- **Esteem:** Employees who are driven by esteem would like to feel recognised and have incentives and opportunities to share their know-how and skills with others, to gain recognition and accomplishment.
- **Affiliation needs:** There are individuals who are reliant on the interdependence of colleagues and other team members, and the goals that they set should focus alongside others.

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Setting smart targets for CPD

In order for employees to successfully meet organisational aims and objectives, they themselves need to track and achieve their own CPD, SMART targets and KPIs. These SMART targets and KPIs are set during performance appraisals, and will be both short- and long-term, and in alignment with the aims of the organisation. Training needs should be identified and requested with the support of the HR department, and a career plan should be compiled according to the needs of employees and the organisation.

Setting SMART targets and KPIs for CPD is important because:

- Specific learning and development are identified and tracked
- Employees are able to measure their success towards achieving their overall career goal
- Each employee's CPD log is tailor-made to their specific needs, which makes
- Training is relevant and helps to meet the skills gaps identified in the organisation
- Time frames are given to track progress towards achieving career goals

SMART targets

- **Specific:** Targets set for training should meet specific needs of an organisation, such as increasing productivity through training or to train new employees to use a specific application. Each training target should also have KPIs with set percentages for improvement as well as identifying the exact nature of the training, which is important for tracking progress and measuring success.
- **Measurable:** Each organisation will determine how it will measure the success of training. This could be done through post-training surveys and evaluation, performance statistics, etc.
- **Achievable:** The targets set should be within the capacity of the employees within the time frame given for the training.
- **Realistic/relevant:** Training targets should meet relevant aims and objectives worthwhile to the overall success of departments and the organisation as a whole.
- **Timed:** Training should be done within or by a specific time in order to meet the needs of the organisation and ensure that time and resources are not wasted.

Employee engagement: Refers to the sense of involvement, duty, dedication and commitment that employees have towards their jobs.

Intrinsic factors: Factors within an individual that can lead to motivation, such as autonomy, achievement and responsibility.

Extrinsic factors: Factors outside an individual that can lead to motivation, such as salary, benefits, environment and benefits.

KPIs: Key performance indicators are measurable values that are added to targets to measure the successful performance of employees and the organisation.

SMART targets: Specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timed objectives.

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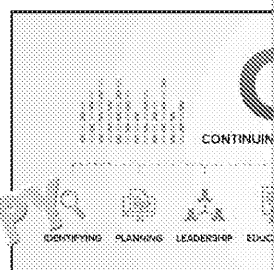
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CPD logs

CPD logs offer a written record of the learning and development of employees and track the career progress of employees. The emphasis should be on 'continued' professional development, and these logs should regularly be updated with the latest training activities that the employee has completed. CPD logs are important for the following reasons:

- They offer a quick overview of the training that an employee has done to date
- Training gaps or needs are identified
- Opportunities for further training and new career paths are identified
- Employees are motivated towards continuous self-development



CPD logs offer an overview of the training that an employee has completed as well as

Research task

The link below is for an online article in ComputerWeekly.com by Karl Flinders, 'The importance of staff Fintech training':
[zzed.uk/12234-fintech](https://www.computerweekly.com/12234-fintech)

Read the article and answer the questions which follow:

1. Why does HSBC need to offer its staff training in financial technology (Fintech)?
2. Who is the training aimed at, and why?
3. Will this training be internal or external?
4. Explain how HSBC's Fintech training is SWRT, explaining it using the SWRT model.
5. Give an example of KPIs mentioned in the article.

Coaching and mentoring in the workplace

A **coach** in the workplace is an experienced employee who guides other employees towards achieving and reaching their objectives in the workplace. A **mentor** is an employee who is an expert who will share their knowledge and know-how with team members or less-experienced employees. Mentorship will usually last longer than coaching, which can be implemented for a shorter period of time to meet specific performance or organisational goals. Mentorship is also more directive than coaching, which guides the employee towards finding their own solutions.

In the workplace, mentors and coaches feature strongly at the start of the employee's life cycle or during onboarding when a new employee is new to the organisation and when they need additional support to learn the ropes or needs to be eased into their new job role. An employee might be mentored when preparing them for succession or promotion within an organisation. Team leaders might mentor team members at the start of new projects or when problems occur during project completion.



Workplace staff

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Mentoring: Sharing expert knowledge or know-how with employees who have less experience.

Coaching: Guiding employees towards the completion of tasks, problem-solving objectives in the workplace.

Benefits of mentoring and coaching for individuals and organisations include:

- It encourages innovation and problem-solving among team members.
- It supports productivity because it prevents long interruptions in work process or assistance.
- It builds the confidence and morale of employees through steady and consistent support.
- It improves employee engagement through employee motivation.
- It promotes communication and interpersonal relationships between employees.
- It can be implemented immediately and is less expensive than other forms of training.

Organisational benefits of CPD

Due to the ever-changing business environment, organisations are constantly facing political, economic, social and technological changes. Employees must adapt to changing job roles on a regular basis. Therefore, it is important for organisations to ensure their staff members to meet new expectations.

The benefits of continually developing employees include:

- Better-skilled staff members who have been introduced to the latest developments in the industry.
- An increase in productivity due to an improvement in skills and knowledge.
- Staff who are engaged and motivated due to an organisation investing in their development.
- A professional public image which attracts more talented staff.
- Improved retention and staff turnover.

Assessment questions

1. What is 'the level of dedication and motivation that employees have towards their organisation' called?
2. State **three** internal training resources that organisations can use to train staff.
3. Explain **two** benefits of continually developing staff members.
4. It is the role of the organisation to offer training opportunities to staff members. Employees should also take responsibility for their own CPD. Explain the role that staff play in taking ownership of their own CPD.

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2.7: Working as part of a team

Learning objectives checklist

- ☐ Different types of teams in the workplace
- ☐ Roles in teams: Belbin's model
- ☐ The importance and benefits of teamwork
- ☐ The role of team dynamics in team success
- ☐ Team conflict and resolution
- ☐ Methods to manage teams effectively
- ☐ Team member responsibility
- ☐ Methods of communication in teams

Employees perform the

Introduction

An organisation requires its employees to fulfil certain functions and tasks as part of which cannot be performed without the collaborative effort of different individuals with different skills. Employees are required to form teams in order to perform certain tasks and projects. This chapter looks at the different types of teams that are formed in the workplace, as well as the importance and benefits that teamwork fulfils in an organisation. Different team dynamics which will impact how successful a team is. Conflict in teams can be managed effectively. The methods used to manage teams, as well as the importance of team development, are introduced. Team members need to communicate with each other to complete tasks successfully. There are different types of communication, such as face-to-face, video conferences, minutes, agendas and digital methods, that can assist teams to stay in touch while working together.

Different types of teams in the workplace



Contract team

The team consists of outsourced team members who are outside the organisation and who work on a specific project and are paid on a contract basis.

Team specific performance

Remote/virtual team

Team members are from different geographical locations and work for the same organisation or on the same project.



Troubleshooting or problem-solving team

Individuals within a specific area of expertise are asked to brainstorm and troubleshoot problems and brainstorm solutions within a specific field.

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Roles in teams: Belbin's model

In order for teams to function effectively, each member has a specific role to play in the team. The roles that individuals play in workplace teams are based on the type of personalities and characteristics that they have.

Team roles will vary according to the type of team and the nature of the project.

Dr Meredith Belbin identified nine different team roles with different behavioural characteristics.

The table below describes Belbin's team roles and how the different roles support an organisation.

Belbin's team role	Description or characteristics	How role supports organisation
Coordinator	Confident, can take the lead	Facilitator and delegator
Resource investigator	Outgoing, people-person, innovative	Networker, explores opportunities
Team worker	Adaptable, diplomatic, avoids conflict, indecisive	Arbitrator, gets along with everyone
Plant	Innovative and creative but also impractical	Initiator/idea person, thinks outside the box, original ideas
Monitor evaluator	Analytical and critical	Evaluator of ideas and decisions
Specialist	Dedicated, knowledgeable, technical	Expert in specific subject-skill
Shaper	Driven, determined, challenging, stays motivated and keeps going	Challenges the status quo, finds the best way forward
Implementer	Doer, practical, inflexible	Strategist, turns ideas into action, up with a plan
Completer finisher	Perfectionist, attention to detail, lacks delegation	Quality checker, ensures all tasks are done and on time

Activity

Role play

The manager of a food retailer has formed a problem-solving team to try to troubleshoot and come up with solutions for a recent decrease in sales, which is a real concern.

Each student in the class will receive a random Belbin team role.

As a class, role-play a meeting of the problem-solving team. Each student will role-play their Belbin team role based on its individual characteristics, and make suggestions or come up with solutions to solve the decrease in sales.



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The importance and benefits of teamwork

Teamwork is important in organisations for the following reasons:

- It assists with rapid problem-solving
- Teamwork and collaboration promotes employee engagement and motivation
- It encourages a cohesive approach to achieving organisational aims and objectives
- Positive group norms and standards will have a positive impact on individual behaviour
- Teamwork can help identify potential successors in specific job roles
- Teamwork can promote cross-functional sharing of skills and best practices

The role of team dynamics in team success

Team dynamics refers to the behavioural characteristics of team members and how different team members interact and communicate with each other, from the formation of the team up to when the team dissolves or when teamwork ends. Understanding the different team dynamics that can occur during different stages in teamwork will help the team leader and other members to anticipate and work through the different challenges presented by teamworking.

The Tuckman model of 1965 focuses on five stages which are evident in the development of teams and team dynamics; namely: forming, storming, norming, performing and adjourning.

The stages can be explained as follows:

- **Forming:** This is the first stage, when team members meet as a team for the first time. Team objectives are established and the team is briefed about expectations are set. The team members seek input and guidance from the team leader.
- **Storming:** Team members start working on the project, and the personalities of team members start to come to the forefront. At this stage, team members may disagree in opinion.
- **Norming:** At this stage team members start accepting each other's roles in the team and have reached towards achieving common project goals. The team starts forming its own norms and starts taking on more of the leadership responsibilities.
- **Performing:** The team is now working productively and independently in achieving the project, with less guidance from the team leader. There is strong cooperation and team members achieve a common ground and to complete the project successfully.
- **Adjourning:** The project has been completed and the team dissolves.



How team dynamics can affect performance and behaviour

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Team dynamics: The unique nature of the communication and interaction in a team, influenced by individual personality traits and behavioural characteristics of team members.

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Activity

Team dynamics

Determine in which stage of teamwork each of the following scenarios falls by using the Tuckman model.

A member in a team supports another team member's decision to change the design of a product.

A team member is not in agreement with a proposal made by another team member who comes across as being pushy.

A project leader is explaining the requirements for a new project.

Team members agree to work overtime to finish a project.

Team conflict and resolution

It is important for organisations to see conflict as a natural part of problem-solving, rather than viewing it in a negative light; it is an inevitable part of teamwork. Conflict occurs in teams when team members have incompatible ideas or ways of working. It is part of Tuckman's 'storming' stage of teamwork to experience situations of conflict in a team, when the team members are still getting to know each other and learning how to work together.

The negative impact that conflict can have on the functioning of a team includes:

- It can lead to a permanent communication breakdown between team members and colleagues
- It can create a negative corporate culture if the team members have negative attitudes
- Conflict can waste valuable time which could be spent on completing tasks
- It can impact productivity in the organisation
- It can affect relationships and create a poor image with clients if team members disagree on project outcomes
- Conflict is an obstacle to creative thinking

Some of the ways in which organisations can resolve conflict are:

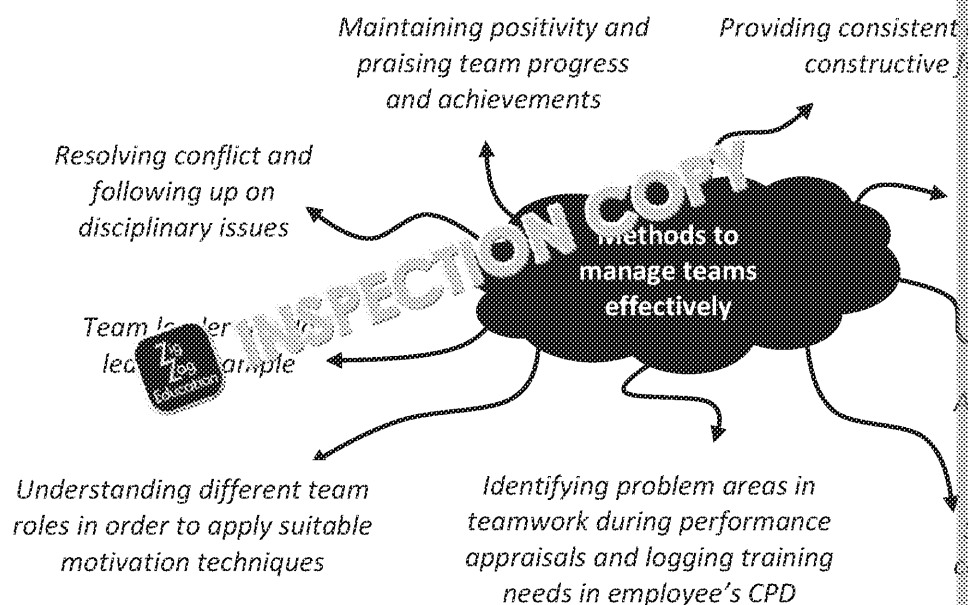
- Setting and emphasising clear and common team goals during the 'forming' stage
- Ensuring that tasks, responsibilities and resources are allocated fairly and equitably
- Applying constructive conflict-solving techniques such as negotiation, cooperation and compromise
- Keeping communication channels open between the team leader and team members
- Using mediation and conciliation if the conflict is not resolved and escalates
- Focusing on the common goals and not the 'problems' and 'personalities'
- Removing the conflicting parties separately
- Viewing conflict as an opportunity for growth which can strengthen the team



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Methods to manage teams effectively



Research task

Watch the video of Michael West, Senior Visiting Fellow at the King's Fund, and Psychology at Lancaster University, talking about effective teamwork during the NHS Leadership Academy web page: [zzed.uk/12234-Covid19](https://www.zzed.uk/12234-Covid19)

Answer the following questions:

1. Name **five** ways suggested by Professor West to build teamwork and trust.
2. What is Professor West's view on conflict between members of a team and how should it be managed?
3. What is the most important component that Professor West talks about would you say the NHS teams during COVID-19, and why?

Team member responsibility

In order for teams to operate successfully, each team member has certain responsibilities towards other team members. These include:

- Being responsible and maintaining professional work ethics, such as being on time and fulfilling their individual role or contribution towards the team
- Maintaining open and honest communication with fellow team members, especially when running into difficulties when performing a task or project
- Reporting any misconduct to the team leader
- Respecting the diversity and contribution of all team members in line with the diversity policies of the organisation
- Not giving the members of the team reasons to distrust him/her; maintaining a high level of trust with all members of the team
- Familiarising him/herself with the aims and objectives of the team and project
- Being committed towards professional work and meeting project deadlines
- Sharing best practices and coaching fellow team members if necessary
- Sharing the workloads of other members if needed
- Asking for help and feedback if needed
- Attending and taking part in regular team meetings



Be responsible and maintain professional work ethics

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Methods of communication in teams

Communication in teams is vital to keep team members informed about developments, requirements and challenges experienced, and to coordinate the activities between team members. Regular updates on the progress made towards completing a project.

Project plan

A team needs a **project plan** to be set up in order to identify and communicate resources, timelines, aims and objectives needed for a specific project. It also identifies the scope of the project as well as the anticipated budget. Project managers use Gantt charts to identify different tasks within the timeline for the tasks to be completed. This allows team members to get a quick overview of tasks that still need to be completed, as well as the deadline dates for different parts of the project. It allows team members to track their own progress towards task completion. Different software applications are available for project planning; these include Smartsheet and Microsoft Project.

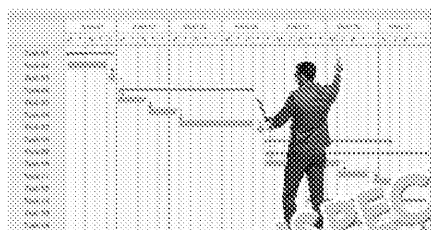


In a project plan, resources are identified.

Project plan: A plan used in project planning that outlines the scope of a project, the objectives, the tasks, the resources needed, stakeholders, human resources and budgets available.

Minutes of a meeting: A detailed written or recorded account of what was discussed during a meeting.

Agenda: A list of business items or topics that are prioritised and discussed during a meeting.



A Gantt chart is used to illustrate the different tasks that need to be completed in a project, as well as the time available to complete the tasks.

Meeting documentation

Teams are required to meet on a regular basis to discuss objectives for the week and to update team members on a project. Meetings are held to allow team members to communicate with each other. Team members should be informed if meetings are taking place, the date, time, notice and agenda, sent through a memo or email. The agenda will have a list of the topics that will be discussed at the meeting.

Various templates are available which can be used to plan their meetings and document the outcomes of discussions of topics that to be discussed.

Team members could be notified via email, in memo format, of a meeting taking place.

To: Hydraulics Project Team Members
From: Pete Andrews (Team Leader)
Subject: PROJECT TEAM MEETING

Please note that we will have a meeting with Samson Hydraulics on Monday 17 April 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss alternatives to the current proposed hydraulic design.

All team members are asked to give their input on the proposed alternatives.

Please familiarise yourselves with the attached agenda before the meeting.

Regards
Pete

Meeting topic:

Meeting called by:

Date:

Time:

Facilitator:

Attendees:

Absent:

Agenda items:

Topic 1:

Topic 2:

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Recorded minutes

The minutes of a meeting can be recorded or written down by the secretary of an employee who has been nominated or assigned to take notes. An effective way to capture the details of the discussions that took place at a meeting is by using a voice recorder to record the meeting. The recorder should be requested and given by all attendees before a notetaker is able to use it. It is important for the notetaker to seek clarity before writing down what was said. Modern applications such as Teams and Zoom have the function to record virtual meetings.

Progress reports

A progress report is a written report that is compiled by team members or leaders to keep track of the progress that is being made on a specific project. It includes details such as the tasks that are still being worked on, which tasks have been completed and which tasks have not yet been attempted. The frequency could be daily, weekly or monthly, depending on the timeline of the project. Details such as the individuals who are responsible for specific tasks, and dates for task completion, are also included in this type of report. It is important to give the report a heading to indicate what progress is being reported on. There are various templates available that can be used to write progress reports.

Digital methods of communicating with teams

Zoom and Teams video conferencing software are popular applications that allow colleagues and team members to stay in touch with each other. Some of the features of these programmes include being able to hold meetings online and sharing screens and files, which is crucial when working on projects. Team leaders can also call individual team members privately and hold private sessions with the team. Microsoft Teams allows team leaders to use the 'Planner' function in order to create action plans for individuals or to share a plan with team members and track progress.



Team meeting



Microsoft Teams

Research task

Listen to Competitive Computing Consultants Inc talk about '5 Important Productivity Tips for Microsoft Teams': [zzed.uk/12234-productivity](https://www.zzed.uk/12234-productivity)

1. Write down the **five** functions or tips that form part of the Microsoft Teams productivity tips.
2. Give an example of how each tip can help teams to work together or collaborate.

Assessment questions

1. State **two** types of team that exist in the workplace.
2. Identify **two** ways in which teams can resolve conflict.
3. A workplace team is responsible for developing a new product. Explain how the following of Belbin's team roles can contribute to a brainstorming session for new product ideas: Specialist, Plant and Implementer.

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Answers

2.1: Legislation in the life cycle of an employee

Research task: Duty of care for health and care workers during COVID-19

1. A quarter of the respondents in the survey reported that they had burnout symptoms. The organisations they work for did not look after their psychological well-being, which is the duty of an organisation.
2. Women, who made up 67% of the workforce, faced inequalities in pay, which added to their stress and led to an increased risk of mental distress.
3. The rights of health and care workers should be protected by government and employers to ensure a safe practice environment for improved physical and mental well-being.
4. Reasonable working hours, since healthcare workers work long hours (especially during COVID-19). Personal protective equipment, which was extremely important during COVID-19. (A)

Activity: How legislation applies to employees

1. A worker is not satisfied with her hourly rate (National Minimum Wage Act 1998)
2. A worker is injured on a factory floor at his workplace (Health and Safety at Work Act 1974)
3. An applicant is not employed because she is a young female (Equality Act 2010)
4. A new employee is not given a written job description and payslip (Employment Rights Act 1996)
5. A client is complaining because his contact details were compromised (Data Protection Act 1998)
6. A worker is dismissed without warning (Employment Rights Act 1996)

Research task: Unfair dismissal

1. She needs to be given a minimum notice period before being dismissed. According to the Employment Rights Act 1996, it is illegal to dismiss an employee if they applied for parental or adoption leave. They must act within reasonable circumstances.
2. Equality Act 2010
She was discriminated against on the basis of gender because she was a mother who was on parental leave.
3. She could have asked for a written statement and trade union representation.

Assessment questions

1. Regulatory requirements
2. Access to a job description and payslip; freedom from discrimination (Any right mentioned in the Equality Act 2010)
3. An employer can ensure that employees work in a safe and healthy workplace, free from harassment, by providing adequate support and a platform via which to raise the issues. They can also look after the mental well-being of employees through monitoring and health checks.
4. The organisation has to maintain plants and systems that are in working order. It has to handle hazardous articles and substances safely. Employees have to have a safe place to work, which includes adequate facilities for employees. The health and safety policy needs to be updated regularly. Representatives need to be elected who will form a committee which can represent employees on safety measures. The health and safety policy of the organisation needs to be updated regularly.

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Glossary

Agenda	A list of business items or topics that are prioritised and scheduled for discussion.
Capacity planning	The number of employees and hours an organisation needs to complete work within the organisation.
Coaching	Guiding employees towards the completion of tasks, projects and their objectives in the workplace.
Diversity	Employers should employ different backgrounds and walk of life and differences which should be embraced and valued in an organisation's culture.
Duty of care	Employers have a duty to ensure the physical and psychological safety of their employees at an organisation.
Employee engagement	Refers to the sense of involvement, duty, dedication and commitment employees have towards their jobs.
Employee life cycle	The six stages through which an employee progresses through their time made with the organisation during recruitment and the selection, appointment, development or training, retention, redeployment through retirement, resignation or other exit.
Employment contract	A written agreement between an employer and an employee outlining the terms of the employment.
Equality	All employees should have equal rights and access to opportunities and further opportunities within the workplace.
Extrinsic factors	Factors outside an individual that can lead to motivation, such as the work environment and benefits.
Functional hierarchy	An organisational structure where the organisation is divided into functional departments.
HR planning	A planning process that is done in advance to establish the organisation's needs to fill various job roles, and the recruitment of an organisation.
Inclusion	The contributions that different individuals can make to an organisation are acknowledged and included.
Induction	The process of familiarising new employees with the policies and procedures of an organisation so that they can perform their job roles successfully.
Intrinsic factors	Factors within an individual that can lead to motivation, such as a sense of achievement and responsibility.
Job analysis	The process of analysing an existing job role to find out what skills are needed to perform the job, as well as the duties and responsibilities involved.
Job description	A summary of the job title, where the job is located, the duties and responsibilities involved in the job.
KPIs	Key performance indicators are measurable values that can be used to measure the successful performance of employees.
Leadership style	The way in which a leader motivates and leads subordinates, based on their natural qualities.
Legislation	Laws which are enacted by legal entities or bodies such as the government.
Management style	The way in which a manager instructs, coordinates and controls the work in the workplace influenced by their leadership style.

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Matrix hierarchy	An organisational hierarchy which combines two different structures which allows subordinates to function in departments needed to complete specific projects.
Mentoring	Sharing expert knowledge or know-how with employees.
Minutes of a meeting	A detailed written or recorded account of what was discussed.
National Minimum Wage	A minimum amount that a worker must be paid by an employer for the work they do. This wage amount is determined by national law.
Onboarding	The process by which a new employee has been offered a position and has received orientation training to introduce him or her to the culture of the organisation.
Organisational hierarchy	The way in which the roles and functions are structured into different ranks – from top management to middle management to subordinates.
Outsourced employees	Employees who are not directly employed by the organisation but perform specific functions for the organisation when specific tasks need to be completed as part of the operation.
Person specification	A description of the skills, personality and qualities that a person must have to do a job.
Project plan	A plan used in project planning that outlines the scope, timelines, types of task, resources needed, stakeholders and budgets available.
Psychometric tests	Tests that are designed to assess a job candidate's mental abilities.
Regulations	Guidelines which organisations set for employees to follow to assist to implement the laws set by legislative bodies.
Resilience	Being able to 'bounce back' and recover after facing setbacks.
Screening	Sifting and narrowing through the total number of job applicants to find the most suited to job roles.
Selection	A step in the recruitment process whereby suitable candidates are selected based on assessments, which include CVs, application forms, aptitude tests, etc.
SMART targets	Specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timed objectives.
Strategic planning	When an organisation does planning to determine its long-term aims and objectives and strategies to achieve its long-term goals.
Succession planning	Planning done by organisations to determine critical functions in the business and identifying successors within the business to fill critical vacancies.
Team dynamics	The unique nature of the communication and interaction between team members, personality traits and behavioural characteristics of team members.
Unconscious bias	Assumptions and judgements that people make unconsciously based on their own and values systems.
Well-being initiatives	Programmes, activities and benefits offered by employers to help maintain or improve their physical and mental well-being.
Whistle-blowing	Disclosing information in the workplace that are criminal offences or illegal activities.

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