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Introduction

This document has been developed in response to worldwide demand for workforce planning advice and support to enable industry, organizations and businesses of all sizes to advance their workforce planning capabilities and to respond more effectively to the current and projected demands of the labour market, the dynamic international business environment and its increasing complexity.

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1 Scope

This document provides guidelines and a framework for workforce planning that are scalable to the needs of any organization regardless of size, industry or sector.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 30400 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
workforce
people who provide a service or labour to contribute to business or organizational outcomes

3.2
planning
process of thinking about and organizing the activities required to achieve a desired outcome

3.3
workforce planning
systematic identification, analysis and *planning* (3.2) of organizational needs in terms of people

Note 1 to entry: It is a process used to generate business intelligence to inform business of the current and future impact of the external and internal environment on the business, enabling the business to be resilient to structural and cultural changes to better position itself for the future.

3.4
strategic workforce planning
workforce planning (3.3) which usually covers a defined period of time, aligned to organizational strategy

Note 1 to entry: The scope of planning can include identifying the *workforce* (3.1) assessments and benchmarking, human resource policy frameworks and associated processes on current and future organizational strategic objectives.

3.5
operational workforce planning
workforce planning (3.3) which covers a defined period of time, aligned with the organization's *planning* (3.2) cycle, and which focuses on gathering, analysing and reporting on workforce planning strategy

Note 1 to entry: The shorter-term planning activities of staffing or scheduling can be excluded.

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