**SOC2010 Revision: Reversion of the proposed creation of a new unit group in Major Group 2 for ‘Laboratory professionals’**

SOC Revision Working Group Proposals

Regarding the following change that was reported in March 2018:

**Issue 6:** Are the job titles that code to ‘Laboratory technicians’ (3111) appropriately coded to major group 3?

A review was conducted of existing index entries for this group. The aim of the review was to ensure that all professional level technicians currently coding to 3111 be repositioned, leaving associate professional level technicians as the core of unit group 3111. A new unit group will be created in major group 2 for ‘Laboratory professionals’.

**Proposal:**

* Create a new SOC2020 group ‘Laboratory professionals’ (2116), to sit in minor group 211 ‘Natural and Social Science Professionals’.

**Update to proposal:**

Due to stakeholder feedback and additional research conducted, the decision to create a distinct unit group for Laboratory professionals’ in major group 2 has been reverted.

Some existing index entries that currently code to Laboratory technicians (3111) will be coded to appropriate unit groups in major group 2. These have been noted in the revised structure in the changes column in blue.

Note that minor group 311 and unit group 3111 will revert to their original names

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| **SOC 2020 Minor Group** | **SOC 2020 Unit Group** | **Group Title** | **Changes** |
| **311** |  | **Science, Engineering and Production Technicians ~~and Associate Professionals~~** | Revert to original minor group name |
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|  | 3111 | Laboratory ~~associate professionals~~ technicians | \* Revert to original unit group name\* Move selected laboratory professionals to appropriate existing unit groups in MG2 |

Please also note that research is currently being carried out to identify individual index entries for moving to MG2. Those identified so far (that have not been previously reported) have been noted in the updated structure in the changes column in blue.

If you have any comments or evidence which supports or refutes this proposal, please send them to [socrevision@ons.gov.uk](mailto:socrevision@ons.gov.uk) by Friday 17 August 2018. These will be considered before any final decisions are made.