**SOC2010 Revision: Final Changes (interim)**

This document outlines the decisions made from the SOC Revision Working Group for final changes to the SOC2010 structure.

A final SOC2020 structure will be circulated after the final SOC revision steering group being held on 21 March 2019. Please see the [previously published structure](https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Current-Proposed-changes-to-the-SOC2020-structure.xlsx) for reference.

If you have any comments or evidence which supports or refutes any of these proposals, please send them to [socrevision@ons.gov.uk](mailto:socrevision@ons.gov.uk) by Wednesday 13 March 2019. These will be considered before any final decisions are made.

Note numbers in green refer to SOC2020 groups numbers.

**Issue 1: The following new SOC2020 unit groups will no longer be created:**

* **Financial accounts and investment managers (2423)**
* **Polishers (8121)**
* **Shotblasters (8122)**
* **Dry liners (8154)**
* **Foundry workers (9133)**
* **Material Handlers (9134)**
* **Door supervisors (9232)**

Additional analysis conducted on the information used to support the initial proposals made for the creation of new unit groups; found that the above groups would not be statistically viable.

**Proposal:** The above unit groups will not be created in SOC2020. The proposed job titles that would have coded to these new groups will remain in their original unit groups

**Issue 2: SOC2020 minor group “Research and Development (R&D) Professionals” (216) will be renamed**

**Proposal:** Rename the minor group “Research and Development (R&D) and Other Research Professionals”

**Issue 3: SOC2020 unit group “Architectural planning officers and consultants” (2452) will be renamed**

**Proposal:** Rename the unit group “Chartered architectural technologists, planning officers and consultants”

**Issue 4: A new index entry for an associate professional “Lawyer” will be added to group Legal associate professionals (3520)**

It was previously reported stakeholder feedback noted that the majority of lawyers are actually solicitors, and that these occupations could be merged so that 2412 becomes “Solicitors and Lawyers”. A new index entry for an associate professional “Lawyer” will be added to group “Legal associate professionals” (3520).

**Update to issue:** Additional analysis conducted showed that survey respondents who stated that their job title was a “Lawyer” were professionally qualified and would therefore code correctly to unit group “Solicitors and Lawyers” (2412), therefore the new index entry of “Lawyer” coding to “Legal associate professionals” (3520) was not required.

**Proposal:** Remove the new job title of “Lawyer” coding to “Legal associate professionals”

**Issue 5: New SOC2020 sub-major group “Enforcement Occupations” (63) will be renamed**

**Proposal:** Rename the unit group “Community and Civil Enforcement occupations”

**Issue 6: SOC2020 unit group “Forestry and arboricultural workers” (9112) will be renamed**

**Proposal:** Rename the unit group “Forestry and related workers”

**Issue 7: SOC2020 unit group “Postal workers, mail sorters, messengers and couriers (9211) will be renamed**

**Proposal:** Rename the unit group “Postal workers, mail sorters and messengers”