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Occupations in Law and Justice*

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ISCO 08 Code

261

Title EN

Legal professionals

Lead Statement

Legal professionals conduct research on legal problems, draft laws and regulations, advise clients on legal aspects of problems, and plead cases or conduct prosecutions in courts of law, or preside over judicial proceedings in courts of law.

Task statement

Tasks performed usually include: giving clients legal advice, undertaking legal business on clients' behalf, and conducting litigation when necessary, or presiding over judicial proceedings- and pronouncing judgement in courts of law. Supervision of other workers may be included.

Included occupations

Occupations in this minor group are classified into the following unit groups:

2611 Lawyers

2612 Judges

2619 Legal professionals not elsewhere classified

Excluded occupations

Notes

ISCO 08 Code
2611
Title EN
Lawyers

Lead Statement

Lawyers give clients legal advice on a wide variety of subjects, draw up legal documents, represent clients before administrative boards or tribunals and plead cases or conduct prosecutions in courts of justice, or instruct barristers to plead in higher courts of justice.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) giving clients legal advice on a wide variety of subjects and undertaking legal business on clients' behalf;
- (b) researching legal principles, statutes and previous court decisions related to specific cases;
- (c) gathering evidence to formulate a defence or to initiate legal actions, by such means as interviewing clients and witnesses to ascertain the facts of a case;
- (d) evaluate findings and develop strategies and arguments in preparation for presentation of cases;
- (e) pleading clients' cases before courts of law, tribunals and administrative boards or instructing barristers to plead in higher courts of justice;
- (f) accepting briefs and pleading in the higher court;
- (g) acting as prosecutor on behalf of the Government in criminal cases;
- (h) negotiating settlements in matters which involve legal disputes;
- (i) drafting legislation and preparing government regulations based on existing laws;
- (j) drawing up legal documents such as contracts, real estate transactions and wills and preparing statements of legal opinions.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Attorney
- Barrister
- Lawyer
- Prosecutor
- Solicitor

Excluded occupations

Some related occupations classified elsewhere:

- Conveyancing clerk - 3411
- Law clerk - 3411
- Notary - 2619

Notes

ISCO 08 Code
2612
Title EN
Judges

Lead Statement

Judges preside over civil and criminal proceedings in courts of law.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) presiding over trials and hearings;
- (b) interpreting and enforcing rules of procedure and making rulings regarding the admissibility of evidence;
- (c) determining the rights and obligations of the parties involved, and, in cases tried by jury,
- (d) instructing the jury on points of law that are applicable to the case;
- (e) weighing and considering evidence in non-jury trials and deciding legal guilt or innocence or degree of liability of the accused or defendant
- (f) passing sentence on persons convicted in criminal cases, determining damages or other appropriate remedy in civil cases and issuing court orders;
- (g) researching legal issues and writing opinions on the issues.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Chief justice
- Judge
- Magistrate

Excluded occupations

Some related occupations classified elsewhere:

- Clerk, court - 3411
- Justice of the Peace - 3412

Notes

ISCO 08 Code**2619****Title EN****Legal professionals not elsewhere classified****Lead Statement**

This unit group covers legal professionals not classified elsewhere in Minor group 242, Legal professionals.

For instance, here should be classified those who perform legal functions other than pleading or prosecuting cases or presiding over judicial proceedings.

Task statement

In such cases tasks would include:

- (a) giving advice on legal aspects of various personal, business and administrative problems;
- (b) drawing up legal documents and contracts;
- (c) arranging property transfers;
- (d) determining, by inquest, the causes of any death not obviously due to natural causes.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Coroner
- Jurist, except lawyer or judge
- Notary

Excluded occupations**Notes**

ISCO 08 Code

34

Title EN

Legal, social, cultural and related associate professionals~~Legal, social, cultural and related associate professionals~~

Lead Statement

Legal, social, cultural and related associate professionals perform technical tasks connected with the practical application of knowledge relating to legal services, social work, culture, food preparation, sport and religion.~~Policeing, legal, social, cultural and related associate professionals perform technical tasks connected with the practical application of knowledge relating to legal services, police services, social work, culture, food preparation, sport and religion.~~

Task statement

Tasks performed in this sub-major group usually include: providing technical and practical services and support functions in legal processes and investigations, social and community assistance programs, and religious and cultural activities; participating and adjudicating in sporting events; developing and delivering sports coaching, fitness and recreational programmes; combining creative and technical skills in a variety of artistic, cultural and culinary activities; creating dishes and menus and overseeing the preparation of meals.~~Tasks performed in this sub-major group usually include: engaging in legal or police services, performing social work, performing or producing goods and services in the fields of culture, cuisine or sport or executing some religious tasks.~~

Included minor groups

- 341 Legal, social and cultural associate professionals
- ~~341 Policeing and legal associate professionals~~
- ~~341 Social and religious associate professionals~~
- 342 Sport and fitness workers
- 343 Artistic, cultural and culinary associate professionals

Excluded occupations

Notes

ISCO 08 Code

341

Title EN

Legal, social and religious associate professionals~~Policing and legal associate professionals~~

Lead Statement

Legal, social and religious associate professionals provide technical and practical services and support functions in legal processes and investigations, social and community assistance programs and religious activities.~~Policing and legal associate professionals gather evidence to solve crimes, obtain information on establishments or persons to prevent crimes, perform support functions in courts of law or in law offices or prepare legal documents.~~

Task statement

Tasks performed usually include: assisting and supporting legal, social work and religious professionals; obtaining and analyzing evidence, preparing legal documents and serving court orders; ; administering and implementing social assistance programs and community services; assisting clients to deal with personal and social problems; providing practical assistance, guidance and moral support to individuals and communities.

~~—Tasks performed usually include: obtaining and analyzing evidence, investigating possible crimes and making arrests or preparing legal documents, serving court orders and maintaining order in courts. Supervision of other workers may be included.~~

Included occupations

~~3411 Police inspectors and detectives~~

~~3412 Legal and related associate professionals~~

Excluded occupations

Notes

ISCO 08 Code**34113355****Title EN****Police inspectors and detectives****Lead Statement**

Police inspectors and detectives investigate facts and circumstances relating to crimes committed in order to identify suspected offenders and obtain information not readily available or apparent concerning establishments or the circumstances and behaviour of persons, mostly in order to prevent crimes.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) establishing contacts and sources of information about crimes planned or committed, in order to prevent crimes or identify suspected offenders;
- (b) obtaining and verifying evidence by examining crime and accident scenes for clues and physical evidence, interviewing witnesses and suspects and analyzing documents and computer files;
- (c) analyzing evidence in order to solve crimes, identify criminal activity and gather information for court cases;
- (d) establishing contacts and sources of information not readily available or apparent concerning establishments or the circumstances and behaviour of persons, usually with the aim of preventing a crime;
- (e) making arrests;
- (f) testifying in courts of law or reporting to superiors about circumstances and results of investigations.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Agent, inquiry/police
- Police Detective
- Police Inspector

Excluded occupations

Some related occupations classified elsewhere:

- Police Inspector-General - 1120
- Police Commissioner - 1120
- Private Detective - 3411
- Police Officer - 5412

Notes

ISCO 08 Code**3412****Title EN****Legal and related associate professionals****Lead Statement**

Legal and related associate professionals perform support functions in courts of law or in law offices, provide services related to such legal matters as insurance contracts, the transferring of property and the granting of loans and other financial transactions or conduct investigations for clients.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) documenting court proceedings and judgements;
- (b) serving statements of claims, summonses, warrants, subpoenas and other court orders;
- (c) maintaining order in court and hearing rooms;
- (d) preparing legal documents including trial briefs, pleadings, appeals, wills and contracts and preparing papers summarising legal positions, or setting out conditions of loans or insurance;
- (e) investigating facts, assembling evidence and researching relevant statutes, decisions and other legal documents to prepare cases;
- (f) advising clients on legal matters;
- (g) examining documentation such as mortgages, liens, judgements, easements, contracts and maps in order to verify properties' legal descriptions and ownership;
- (h) preparing documents relating to transfer of real estate, stocks or other matters requiring formal registration;
- (e) investigating possible cases of theft of goods, money or information from business establishments and of other possible cases of unlawful behaviour by customers or employees;
- (f) investigating establishments or the circumstances and behaviour of persons on behalf of clients.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Bailiff
- Clerk, judge's
- Conveyancing Clerk
- Court Clerk
- Justice of the peace
- Law Clerk
- Legal assistant
- Paralegal
- Private Detective
- Title searcher

Excluded occupations

- Lawyer - 2611
- Judge - 2612
- Notary - 2619

Notes

ISCO 08 Code**54****Title EN****Protective services workers****Lead Statement**

Protective services workers protect individuals and property against fire and other hazards, maintain law and order and enforce laws and regulations.

Task statement

Tasks performed usually include: preventing, fighting and extinguishing fires; rescuing people from burning buildings and accident sites and those trapped in dangerous situations; maintaining law and order, enforcing laws and regulations, patrolling public areas and arresting suspected offenders; directing traffic and assuming authority in the event of accidents; watching over and maintaining order among inmates of prisons, reformatories or penitentiaries; patrolling or monitoring premises to guard property against theft and vandalism, controlling access to establishments and maintaining order and enforcing regulations at public events and within establishments. Supervision of other workers may be included.

Included minor groups

541 Protective service workers

Excluded occupations**Notes**

ISCO 08 Code**541****Title EN****Protective services workers****Lead Statement**

Protective services workers protect individuals and property against fire and other hazards, maintain law and order and enforce laws and regulations.

Task statement

Tasks performed usually include: preventing, fighting and extinguishing fires; rescuing people from burning buildings and accident sites and those trapped in dangerous situations; maintaining law and order, enforcing laws and regulations, patrolling public areas and arresting suspected offenders; directing traffic and assuming authority in the event of accidents; watching over and maintaining order among inmates of prisons, reformatories or penitentiaries; patrolling or monitoring premises to guard property against theft and vandalism, controlling access to establishments and maintaining order and enforcing regulations at public events and within establishments. Supervision of other workers may be included.

Included occupations

Occupations in this minor group are classified into the following unit groups:

- 5411 Fire-fighters
- 5412 Police officers
- 5413 Prison guards
- 5414 Security guards
- 5419 Protective service workers not elsewhere classified

Excluded occupations**Notes**

ISCO 08 Code
5411
Title EN
Firefighters

Lead Statement

Firefighters prevent, fight and try to extinguish fires and assist in other emergencies, protect life and property and conduct rescue efforts.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) responding to fire alarms and other calls for assistance, such as automobile and industrial accidents, bomb threats and other emergencies;
- (b) controlling and extinguishing fires using manual and power equipment and firefighting chemicals;
- (c) fighting special types of fires and using special equipment in industrial establishments;
- (d) rescuing people from burning buildings and accident sites and those trapped in dangerous situations;
- (e) preventing or limiting the spread of dangerous substances in case of fires or accidents;
- (f) informing the public about fire prevention;
- (g) supervising other workers.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Firefighter
- Firefighter, aircraft accidents
- Forest firefighter,
- Salvage man, fire
- Salvage woman, fire

Excluded occupations

Some related occupations classified elsewhere:

- Fire Inspector - 3112
- Fire Investigator - 3112
- Fire prevention Specialist - 3112

Notes

ISCO 08 Code
5412
Title EN
Police officers

Lead Statement

Police officers maintain law and order, patrolling public areas, enforcing laws and regulations and arresting suspected offenders.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) patrolling a specific area to maintain public order, respond to emergencies, protect people and property and enforce laws and regulations;
- (b) identifying, pursuing and arresting suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts;
- (c) directing traffic and assuming authority in the event of accidents;
- (e) providing emergency assistance to victims of accidents, crimes and natural disasters;

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Constable
- Police patrol officer
- Police officer

Excluded occupations

Some related occupations classified elsewhere:

- Chief constable, police - 1112
- Commissioner, police - 1112
- Inspector-general, police - 1112
- Detective, police - 3411
- Inspector, police - 3411

Notes

ISCO 08 Code
5413
Title EN
Prison guards

Lead Statement

Prison guards watch over and maintain order among inmates of prisons, reformatories or penitentiaries.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) searching arriving prisoners, putting their valuables in safekeeping, escorting prisoners to cells and locking them in;
- (b) making periodic inspection tours of cells and inspecting and maintaining the security of locks, windows, doors and gates;
- (c) supervising prisoners at work, meals, or during recreation periods;
- (d) observing the conduct and behaviour of prisoners to prevent disturbances and escapes;
- (e) patrolling prison areas to prevent escape;
- (f) assisting with the implementation of rehabilitation programs;
- (g) escorting prisoners in transit and during temporary leaves;
- (h) supervising other workers.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Guard, prison

Excluded occupations

Notes

ISCO 08 Code
5414
Title EN
Security guards

Lead Statement

Security guards patrol or monitor premises to guard property against theft and vandalism. They control access to establishments and maintain order and enforce regulations at public events and within establishments.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) patrolling premises and checking doors, windows and gates to prevent and detect signs of unauthorised entry;
- (b) controlling access to establishments, monitoring and authorizing the entrance or departure of employees and visitors, checking identification and issuing security passes;
- (c) circulating among visitors, patrons, or employees to preserve order, protect property from theft or vandalism and enforce the regulations of the establishment;
- (d) responding to alarms, investigating disturbances and contacting superiors, police or fire-fighters as appropriate;
- (e) performing security checks of passengers and luggage at airports;
- (f) picking up and ensuring the safe delivery of cash and valuables to banks, automated teller machines and retail establishments.

Included occupations

- Bodyguard
- Doorkeeper
- Guard, museum
- Guard, security
- Patrolman, security
- Patrolwoman, security
- Watchman
- Watchwoman

Excluded occupations

- Lifeguard - 5419
- Patrolman, beach - 5419
- Patrolwoman, beach - 5419

Notes

ISCO 08 Code**5419****Title EN****Protective services workers not elsewhere classified****Lead Statement**

This unit group covers protective services workers not classified elsewhere in Minor group 541, Protective services workers.

For instance, here should be classified life-guards, crossing guards and animal control officers.

Task statement

Tasks include:

- (a) patrolling beaches and swimming pools to prevent accidents and to rescue bathers from drowning;
- (b) monitoring traffic flow to locate safe gaps through which pedestrians can cross streets;
- (c) responding to citizen complaints concerning stray domestic animals, livestock and wildlife; issuing warnings and citations to owners; and impounding lost, homeless and dangerous animals;
- (d) patrolling an assigned area to enforce parking by-laws;
- (e) directing traffic.

Included occupations

Examples of the occupations classified here:

- Animal Control Officer
- Beach Patrolman
- Beach Patrolwoman
- Game warden
- Guard, crossing
- Life-guard
- Traffic Warden

Excluded occupations

Some related occupations classified elsewhere:

- Doorkeeper - 5414
- Guard, museum - 5414
- Watchman - 5414
- Watchwoman - 5414

Notes