

EWCB 2022: Appendix 3 - Socio-economic groupings

Table 7: Explanation of socio-economic groupings

Grade	General description.	Examples of occupations	Retiree description.
A	These are professional people, or are very senior in business or commerce or are top level civil servants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroner • General Practitioner if in own practice or partner in practice • Film Producer • University Professor • Self Employed electrician with over 25 employees • Chief Officer in fire service • Police Commissioner • Bishop Chartered Accountant with own practice • Editor of national newspaper 	Retired people, previously grade A, and their widows.
B.	Middle management executives in large organisations, with appropriate qualifications Top management or owners of small business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editor of provincial newspaper • Self-employed electrician with under 24 staff • Self-employed window cleaner with 25+ staff • Fully qualified doctor who is not in own practice or a consultant • Hospital sister/charge nurse grades F & G • Health visitor • Computer programmer • Civil engineer with professional qualifications • University lecturer • Teacher in secondary school • Television producer • Lawyer not in own practice • Detective Inspector (police) 	Retired people, previously grade B, and their widows.
C1	Junior management owners of small establishments: and all others in non-manual positions Jobs in this group have very varied responsibilities and educational needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary school teacher • Students living away from home • Nurse – State Enrolled Nurse, State Registered Nurse, Midwife • Student Nurses • Typist • Travel courier • Telephone operator • Detective Sergeant • Police Constable • Self employed electrician with 1-4 employees • Self employed window cleaner with 5-24 employees • Market Research interviewer • Television production assistant 	Retired people previously grade C1 and their widows.

Grade	General description.	Examples of occupations	Retiree description.
C2	All skilled manual workers, and those manual workers with responsibility for other people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrician • Plumber • Panel beater • Thatcher • Tailor • Cobbler • Coach Driver • HGV Driver • Ambulance Driver • Prison officer • Weaver • Welder • Typesetter • Computer engineer • Joiner • London black cab driver 	Retired people previously grade C2 with a pension from their job Widows if receiving pensions from their late husband's job
D	All semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers, and apprentices and trainees to skilled workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window cleaner • Taxi driver – provinces • Nursing auxiliary • Porter • Fork lift truck driver • Warehouseman • Road worker • Road sweeper • Waiter • Machine tool operator • Child minder • Chambermaid • Farm worker – no qualifications 	Retired people previously grade D with a pension from their job Widows if receiving pensions from their late husband's job
E	All those entirely dependent on the state long term, through sickness, unemployment, old age, or other reasons. Those unemployed for a period exceeding 6 months (otherwise classify on previous occupation) Casual workers and those without a regular income Only households without a chief wage earner will be coded in this group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployed longer than 6 months • Living off state benefits only • Pensioners with no private/occupational pension • Pensioners with occupational pension retain their social grade • Widows with pension from their husbands' occupation retain the Social Grade of their husband. • Divorcees living off maintenance from their husbands' employment are graded on their husbands' occupation. 	N/A