

# 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"> <li>• Coroner</li> <li>• General Practitioner if in own practice or partner in practice</li> <li>• Film Producer</li> <li>• University Professor</li> <li>• Self Employed electrician with over 25 employees</li> <li>• Chief Officer in fire service</li> <li>• Police Commissioner</li> <li>• Bishop Chartered Accountant with own practice</li> <li>• Editor of national newspaper</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Editor of provincial newspaper</li> <li>• Self-employed electrician with under 24 staff</li> <li>• Self-employed window cleaner with 25+ staff</li> <li>• Fully qualified doctor who is not in own practice or a consultant</li> <li>• Hospital sister/charge nurse grades F &amp; G</li> <li>• Health visitor</li> <li>• Computer programmer</li> <li>• Civil engineer with professional qualifications</li> <li>• University lecturer</li> <li>• Teacher in secondary school</li> <li>• Television producer</li> <li>• Lawyer not in own practice</li> <li>• Detective Inspector (police)</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Primary school teacher</li> <li>• Students living away from home</li> <li>• Nurse – State Enrolled Nurse, State Registered Nurse, Midwife</li> <li>• Student Nurses</li> <li>• Typist</li> <li>• Travel courier</li> <li>• Telephone operator</li> <li>• Detective Sergeant</li> <li>• Police Constable</li> <li>• Self employed electrician with 1-4 employees</li> <li>• Self employed window cleaner with 5-24 employees</li> <li>• Market Research interviewer</li> <li>• Television production assistant</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Electrician</li> <li>• Plumber</li> <li>• Panel beater</li> <li>• Thatcher</li> <li>• Tailor</li> <li>• Cobbler</li> <li>• Coach Driver</li> <li>• HGV Driver</li> <li>• Ambulance Driver</li> <li>• Prison officer</li> <li>• Weaver</li> <li>• Welder</li> <li>• Typesetter</li> <li>• Computer engineer</li> <li>• Joiner</li> <li>• London black cab driver</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Window cleaner</li> <li>• Taxi driver – provinces</li> <li>• Nursing auxiliary</li> <li>• Porter</li> <li>• Fork lift truck driver</li> <li>• Warehouseman</li> <li>• Road worker</li> <li>• Road sweeper</li> <li>• Waiter</li> <li>• Machine tool operator</li> <li>• Child minder</li> <li>• Chambermaid</li> <li>• Farm worker – no qualifications</li> </ul>	Retired people previously grade D with a pension from their job Widows if receiving pensions from their late husband's job
E	<p>All those entirely dependent on the state long term, through sickness, unemployment, old age, or other reasons.</p> <p>Those unemployed for a period exceeding 6 months (otherwise classify on previous occupation)</p> <p>Casual workers and those without a regular income</p> <p>Only households without a chief wage earner will be coded in this group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployed longer than 6 months</li> <li>• Living off state benefits only</li> <li>• Pensioners with no private/occupational pension</li> <li>• Pensioners with occupational pension retain their social grade</li> <li>• Widows with pension from their husbands' occupation retain the Social Grade of their husband.</li> <li>• Divorcees living off maintenance from their husbands' employment are graded on their husbands' occupation.</li> </ul>	N/A