

Key Skills

Every occupation requires a unique set of skills and abilities.

We have identified 14 key skills required in the labour market.

Clerical Ability

Are you good at finding errors when proofreading documents?

The ability to understand written and numeric material; can proofread words and numbers.

- Recognize mistakes easily
- Proofread written material
- Use a system to organize and find information

Detail-oriented

Can you pick out differences in two similar pictures?

The ability to see fine details in objects.

- Recognize small parts
- See fine detail in objects
- Visually perceptive
- Inspect objects

Directive

Do you like to be in a leadership role?

The ability to give direction and instruction easily. You are independent, self-directing and able to make decisions and coordinate others.

- Coordinates others
- Self-directing
- Enjoys organizing
- Independent

Finger Dexterity

Can you sort or repair small objects using your fingers?

The ability to manipulate small objects with your fingers.

- Use a keyboard
- Sort and repair small objects
- Manipulate small objects accurately

General Learning Ability

Can you understand instructions easily?

The ability to grasp or understand instructions and underlying principles; the ability to reason and make judgments.

- Comprehends instruction
- Understands ideas
- Reasons things out

Innovative

Do you like to dig deeply to solve problems?

You like to explore things in depth and solve problems by experimenting. You prefer to be challenged with new and unexpected experiences.

- Adjusts to change easily
- Likes testing and measuring
- In depth exploration
- Enjoys science

Manual Dexterity

Can you move and turn objects skillfully with your hands?

The ability to skillfully use your hands. You can move and turn objects and use hand tools.

- Manipulate objects with your hands
- Use hand tools
- Move and turn objects
- Sort objects

Methodical

Do you enjoy a set routine for performing your work?

You enjoy following a set routine and following procedures in your work.

- Works on a task until completion
- Prefers clear instructions
- Follows established policies

Motor Coordination

Do you have good hand-eye coordination?

The coordination of large, small and fine motor movements using the body (arms, legs, hands, etc.)

- Gross and fine motor movement
- Can take things apart and put them back together

Numerical Ability

Are you good with numbers?

The ability to understand numbers and perform math.

- Collect data and analyze statistics
- Solve math problems
- Make accurate measurements
- Work with money

Object-oriented

Do you like to build things and/or repair them?

You are interested in finding out how things operate and how they are built.



- Interested in how things work
- May work with tools, instruments and machinery
- Like to build and repair according to specifications

Social

Would you like a job where you work with people?

You like dealing with people and you enjoy working with and cooperating with others.

- Works with people
- Identifies the needs of others
- Helps solve problems

Spatial Perception

Can you draw things accurately?

The ability to perceive or react to the size, distance or depth of the environment.

- Can imagine a 3D-form from a diagram
- Awareness of surrounding environment



- The ability to draw things accurately
- Understands geometry

Verbal & Written Comprehension

Can you express information and ideas easily and clearly?

The ability to analyze information and solve problems.

- Reads and understands written material
- Write and correct text
- Communicates ideas clearly
- Strong vocabulary