

# Glossary:Technicians and associate professionals group

Statistics Explained

The **technicians and associate professionals group** (International standard classification of occupations [ISCO-08](#) major group 3) includes occupations whose main tasks require technical knowledge and experience in one or more fields of physical and life sciences, or social sciences and humanities. Technicians and associate professionals perform mostly technical and related tasks connected with research and the application of scientific or artistic concepts and operational methods, and government or business regulations. Most occupations in this major group require skills at the third ISCO-08 skill level, usually obtained as a result of study at a higher educational institution following completion of secondary education for a period of 1 - 3 years ([ISCED 97](#) level 5B, [ISCED 2011](#) level 5).

Given this definition, all people working in ISCO-08 major group 3 can be considered [human resources in science and technology \(HRST\)](#) .

## Related concepts

- [Human resources in science and technology \(HRST\)](#)
- [International standard classification of education \(ISCED 97\)](#)
- [International standard classification of education \(ISCED 2011\)](#)
- [International standard classification of occupations \(ISCO-08\)](#)

## Statistical data

- [Human resources in science and technology](#)

## Source

- OECD/Eurostat, "The measurement of scientific and technological activities; manual on the measurement of human resources devoted to S&T; Canberra Manual", OECD, Paris, 1995 - [pdf](#)