Hay Group Guide Chart – Profile Method of Job Evaluation

Hay Group Guide Chart – Profile Method of Job Evaluation is based on three factors, each of which has sub factors. It starts from the premise that all jobs exist to achieve a purpose—to create value in their organization—and evaluates this by analyzing what is the value that is created (accountability), how it is created (problem solving) and what the job requirements are that a person has to meet in order to deliver the value (know-how). These three factors and the sub factors included under each are defined below:

**Know-how**

To achieve the accountabilities of a job requires ‘know-how’ (or inputs), which is the sum total of every capability or skill, however acquired, needed for fully competent job performance. Know-how has three dimensions:

- **Practical / technical knowledge**: Depth and breadth of technical or specialized knowledge needed to achieve desired results.
- **Planning, organizing and integrating (managerial) knowledge**: The requirement to undertake managerial functions, such as planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling financial, physical and human resources, to achieve business results over time.
- **Communicating and influencing skills**: The interpersonal skills required for successful interaction with individuals and groups, inside and outside the organization.

**Problem solving**

The value of know-how is in its application to achieve results. ‘Problem solving’ (or throughputs) refers to the use of know-how to identify, delineate, and resolve problems. Problem solving measures the requirement to use know-how conceptually, analytically, and productively and has two dimensions:

- **Thinking environment**: The job’s context regarding business matters to address and the degree to which problems and solutions are clarified and focused by strategy, policy, precedents, procedures or rules.
- **Thinking challenge**: The inherent complexity of the problems faced and the difficulty in identifying solutions that add value.

**Accountability**

Every job exists to add organizational value by delivering some set of results (or outputs). Accountability measures the type and level of value a job can add. In this sense, it is the job’s measured effect on an organization’s value chain. It has three dimensions:

- **Freedom to act**: The degree of empowerment to take action within the framework of guidance provided to focus on decision-making.
- **Scope**: The business / business measure(s) the job is designed to positively impact.
- **Impact**: The nature of the job’s influence on business results (defined in Scope) ranging from degrees of direct to indirect.

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Job profile

A unique aspect of the Hay Group job evaluation method is that the relative weight of the factors is driven by the size and the nature of the job. For example, higher level jobs have higher weight on accountability while lower level positions tend to be more know-how weighted.

Job profile reflects the nature and ‘character’ of a job. For example, line jobs are more focused on accountability while research jobs are more problem-solving focused. Staff positions are balanced between problem-solving and accountability. We evaluate the full worth of each factor independently, and then validate the job profile that results.

Hay Group research reveals that each job profile links to a distinctly different set of behavioral competencies. This enables organizations to create more effective talent development and succession planning programs.

Although the definitions of the job evaluation factors have evolved over the more than 60 years they have been used, the underlying principles of know-how, problem solving, and accountability, and their relative balance through the profile concept, are proven to be timeless as a foundation for valuing work.

Our factors have also been widely accepted as a basis for setting fair and equitable pay practices, and are compliant with pay equity legislation.

### Hay Group Guide Charts℠

Hay Group’s guide charts are proprietary instruments that enable consistent work evaluations. Each of the factors—know-how, problem solving, and accountability—has its own guide chart that reflects the elements identified above.

Each guide chart scale is expandable to account for the complexity and size of the organization to which it is applied, and the scale descriptions can be modified when appropriate to ensure that the language used to define the factors are appropriate relative to the business, its operating model, organization structure and culture.

An important added-value element is that the Hay Group methodology provides direct comparisons with the reward strategies of other organizations within Hay Group’s global total remuneration databases. This methodology enables benchmarking of jobs, improving the accuracy of market pricing and increasing confidence in results.

#### Problem Solving

- **Nature of Impact**: Problem Solving is a fundamental aspect of the work required in the job, in the form of shaping, measuring, evaluating, creating, using equipment, solving problems, making decisions and arriving at conclusions. Problem solving deals with the intensity of the mental processes which are known to identify and solve problems.

- **Level of Skill**: This level of skill is characterized by the degree of imagination, intuition, and original thinking required to appraise, interpret, and select solutions to problems. It must be determined by a balance of the factors of Problem Solving and Accountability.

- **Objectives**: The complexity of the problems encountered and the extent to which original thinking must be employed to arrive at solutions.

- **Degree of Originality**: The amount of original thinking required to appraise, interpret, and select solutions to problems. This is determined by the complexity of the problems encountered, the extent to which original thinking is required, and the degree to which creative solutions are employed.

#### Accountability

- **Nature of Impact**: Accountability is the degree to which the job holder is required to maintain an awareness of and take responsibility for the achievement of functions which are related in nature and context.

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- **Level of Skill**: This level of skill is characterized by the degree of originality and creativity required to approach problem solving, the type of original thinking required, and the amount of original thinking required to appraise, interpret, and select solutions to problems.
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