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1. Overview

1.1 About the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development

The ETS WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development is a 20–25 minute, web-based behavioral assessment especially designed to improve workplace productivity by helping to identify the test takers level of strength in six behavioral competencies, which are comprised of 13 individual attributes that relate to likelihood of success in each competency, and in performing different tasks within the workplace.

Administered using the ETS FACETS™ engine, this assessment measures six critical behavioral competencies and 13 attributes which represent aspects of personality attributes known to be predictive of workplace performance. Results from the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development provide scores for each of the six behavioral competencies, as well as the attributes. Also available are interpretative statements that are designed to provide you with detailed feedback and actionable tips that may help you further develop in that behavioral competency.

1.2 WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development Question Format

Administered using the ETS FACETS™ engine, the assessment uses an innovative forced-choice response format. In this format, you will be shown pairs of statements. Each pair will be presented one at a time. All the statements refer to how you might typically think, feel and act. Read each of the two statements carefully and decide the extent to which it may describe you. Then, choose the statement that is more like you. Neither statement may be completely accurate but please select the one that is closer to how you think, feel or behave. When selecting a statement that is more like you, you are not necessarily agreeing with that statement, you are simply saying it is more like you than the other (even just slightly).

After each item response is obtained, your personality attribute scores are estimated and the next item pair is selected. This process continues until the total number of test items has been completed. Final attribute score estimates are then obtained.

2. Frequently Asked Questions

2.1 When and where can I take the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development?

You can take the assessment any time of the day within the test expiration window provided in your registration confirmation email. You may also take the assessment from a location of your choice, whether it is your home, office, library or another area with an internet connection.

2.2 How often can I take the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development?

Each registration ID can be used to take the test only once.

2.3 What score do I need to “pass” the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development?

Personality tests like the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development are not based on a "Pass/Fail" scale. Scores are based on a scale from Low to High on the overall behavioral competencies and their attributes.

2.4 If I have a disability, can I still take the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development?

Yes. The assessment delivery adheres to several disability guideline standards such as Text to Speech Support, Keyboard Navigation, Color Contrast and Extended Time. For questions regarding the above accommodations, please see your Assessment Administrator.

2.5 How is the test scored?

Scores on the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development are measured in varying degrees on a scale of Low, Moderate and High levels of strength. This report describes your strengths in the following behavioral competencies: Initiative & Perseverance, Flexibility & Resilience, Problem Solving & Ingenuity, Customer Service Orientation, Teamwork & Citizenship, and Responsibility. The interpretative statements provide you with detailed feedback based on the score level, as well as actionable tips that may help you further develop in that behavioral competency.
3. Preparing to Take the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development

3.1 How to Get Ready to Take the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development

The WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development is delivered on ETS’s robust web-based system. You are not required to download any additional software or plug-ins, or install any additional hardware for this assessment. The platform is supported by all major browsers and operating systems including: PCs, Mac®, iPad® and Android. It is also compatible with all major screen-reading software for visually impaired users. You can take the assessment any time of the day from your preferred location (home, office, library, etc.) within the test expiration window.

The WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development is supported by the technical specifications listed below.

Display Monitor: Minimum screen resolution of 1024 x 768 is required

Supported by the following types of connections: LAN with DSL or better; Wireless Network

Web Browser Support: Internet Explorer® 11+; Chrome™ 30+; Firefox® 27+

Operating System: Windows® 7; Windows 8; Windows 10; Mac OS X 10.7+; Safari® 6+

Android 4+ (Ice Cream sandwich and above)

Note: Issues may occur when utilizing technical platforms and systems other than these platforms.

4. During the Test

You will receive an email containing a link to the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development, your test expiration date, Registration ID and Access Code. You can take the assessment anytime of the day from a location of your choice (home, office, library, etc.).

4.1 Sign In Screen

After you click on the URL in your test registration confirmation email, the system will take you to the login screen. Please enter the Registration ID and Access Code provided to you in your registration confirmation email and select Sign In.

System Check:

After you log in, the system will automatically check for all the necessary site requirements. If the site requirements are not met, the system will prompt you with a system check result window. In order to proceed to the next portion of the assessment, you will need to fix the system error and select Check Again.
4.2 Test Taker Registration Introductory Screen
Prior to beginning the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development, you will be greeted with the Welcome screen. Please enter your full name in the field and select Continue.

4.3 ETS Policy and Confidentiality Agreement Screen
Please read the Policy and Confidentiality Agreement and select Agree to continue to the next screen.

4.4 Use of Response Data
The next screen is a Use of Response Data screen. This screen provides you with information about how your responses will be used by ETS. Please read the information contained on this screen, select Yes and click the Continue button.

4.5 Background Information
As part of the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development, ETS will collect some background information from you. In this section of the test, you will be asked to provide some basic background information such as age, education, employment, etc. Complete the background information fields and click Continue.

If you choose Disagree, a warning message will display requesting that you confirm your understanding that by disagreeing with the Policy and Confidentiality Agreement you will not be permitted to take the assessment and your test session will be cancelled. If this is not correct, and you do want to take the assessment, select Cancel to be returned to the Policy and Confidentiality Agreement page.
4.6 Test Overview & Instructions
The system will now provide you with an overview and instructions for the test. After you have read the Test Overview and Instructions, select Continue.

4.7 Tips
The next screen provides you with tips and instructions related to the test. After reviewing the Tips, please select Continue.

4.8 Sample Question
You will then see a sample of the type of questions you will be presented with during the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development. Please select Continue to start the assessment.

4.9 Test Session
Your WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development test session will now begin. You will have one hour to complete 104 sets of statements. A timer is available in the top, right-hand corner of the screen. Review the two statements that appear on your screen and select the one that is more like you. In some cases, you may not relate to either of the statements presented to you on the screen; however, you should choose the statement that is more like you than the other. Continue through the statement screens to complete the assessment.

4.10 Test Session Warning Screens
During the test session, you may be presented with several warning screens. These screens are to assist you in navigating through the test most efficiently:

4.10.1 Warning Pop up — 13 Minutes
This warning window is displayed when you have been idle during the assessment for 13 minutes. The message will warn you that the session will time-out within two minutes.

4.10.2 Session Timeout — 15 Minutes
A message will be displayed when your session has timed-out because you have been idle for 15 minutes. To resume the test where you left off, please refer to your registration email to log in again.

4.10.3 Time Expired — 1 Hour
When the 1 hour (60 minutes) allotted for the session has expired, testing will stop and you will receive a message that explains that you will be scored based on all the questions you have answered up to this point. You will not be able to sign in again.

4.11 Post-Assessment
At the completion of the test, you will be asked one post-assessment question. Please provide a rating and click Submit.

4.12 Warning Message Screens for Browser Back/Close
You should not use the Back button on your browser window. If you click the Back button, Internet Explorer and Google Chrome will display the question “Are you sure you want to leave this page?” Firefox will display “This page is asking you to confirm that you want to continue with the assessment.” You must select stay on this page. If you select yes to leave the page, you will stop testing. To resume the test where you left off, please refer to your registration email to log in again.
5. WorkFORCE® Assessment For Career Development Test Scores

5.1 Test Fairness

ETS is committed to ensuring that our tests and test scores are of the highest quality and as free of bias as possible. All of ETS’s products and services — including individual test questions, assessments, instructional materials and publications — are evaluated during development to ensure that they:

• are not offensive or controversial
• do not reinforce stereotypical views of any group
• are free of racial, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic and other forms of bias
• are free of content believed to be inappropriate or derogatory toward any group

All of ETS’s tests and other products undergo rigorous, formal reviews to ensure that they adhere to the fairness guidelines, which can be found on the web at www.ets.org/fairness. All statements in the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development underwent a formal documented fairness and sensitivity review by trained ETS reviewers, who cleared all statements for use with diverse groups of individuals.

5.2 Score Use

The WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development helps support employee success by efficiently and accurately identifying the behavioral skills employees or individuals need to train or develop. After receiving the score report, visit http://www.ets.org/s/workforce-for-development/score-report/, or your Assessment Administrator, to obtain interpretive statements designed to provide you with more detailed feedback and next steps. These one-page descriptive snapshots of your strengths and weaknesses include actionable tips that may help you further develop in that behavioral competency.

5.3 Score Report

Our offer goes beyond the standard six behavioral competencies to provide additional insight on 13 underlying behavioral attributes. The easy-to-read Individual Profile contains a tailored, practical action plan for you, and your employer, to help understand and address key development areas.

Scores on the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development are measured on a scale with varying degrees of Low, Moderate and High levels of strength. Higher scores on the competencies and attributes are associated with higher development. Additional insight is provided with the individualized interpretive statements for each behavioral competency and attribute. The interpretive statements offer a description of the skill, an explanation of your current skill level and suggestions to further develop the skill.

6. Policies and Guidelines for Score Use

6.1 Introduction

The WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development Program and its authorized local ETS Preferred Associates have a particular obligation to inform users of the appropriate uses of the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development scores, and to identify, and try to rectify, instances of misuse. To this end, the following policies and guidelines are available to all WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development test takers, institutions and organizations that are recipients of WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development scores.

6.2 Terms and Conditions

6.2.1. Organization Access to Score Data. Using the Service, a member Organization will be able to view, copy and use your name, gender, photograph, date of birth, registration number, test date and test scores. ETS reserves the right to determine whether more or less data should be provided from time to time at its good-faith discretion. Any use of your scores by the Organization should be pursuant to its privacy and security policy, if any, rather than to the ETS policy. ETS contracts with the Organization to use the information only to verify the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development scores, but ETS does not control the Organization.
6.2.2. Limitations. You acknowledge that if you give an Organization a registration number for a WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development more than one year old, the Organization will not be able to verify your scores. You agree that ETS supplies the service and the score and with all faults. All disclaimers, damage and remedy exclusions, and limitations and other provisions of the WorkFORCE® documents apply to the scores.

6.2.3. Other. ETS reserves the right to share data with institutions and agencies for verification purposes. You agree that ETS may amend or change these terms and conditions from time to time at its discretion by providing notice in the WorkFORCE® section of www.ets.org or in any of the WorkFORCE® documents, or by emailing or otherwise giving notice to you. If you provide WorkFORCE® information to an Organization after the effective date of an amendment, or if, before the effective date, you fail to withdraw your WorkFORCE® information from an organization or otherwise fail to instruct it not to access your score data, you will be deemed to have consented to the amendment. The foregoing does not restrict ETS from using another method for amendment under any of the WorkFORCE® documents.

6.3 Policies

In recognition of their obligation to ensure the appropriate use of WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development scores, ETS developed policies designed to make score reports available only to approved recipients, to protect the confidentiality of test takers’ scores; and to follow up on cases of possible misuse of scores. The policies are discussed below.

6.3.1 Confidentiality. WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development scores, whether for an individual or aggregated for an organization, are confidential and can be released only by authorization of the individual or organization or by compulsion of legal process. ETS recognizes test takers’ right to privacy with regard to information that is stored in data or research files held by ETS, and its responsibility to protect test takers from unauthorized disclosure of the information.

6.3.2 Testing Irregularities. “Testing Irregularities” refers to irregularities in connection with the administration of a test, such as equipment failure, improper access to test content by individuals or groups of test takers and other disruptions of test administrations (natural disasters and other emergencies). When testing irregularities occur, ETS may decline to score the test or may cancel the test score. When it is appropriate to do so, ETS may give affected test takers the opportunity to take the test again, as soon as possible, without charge.

6.3.3 Identification Discrepancies. When, in the judgment of ETS, there is a discrepancy in a test taker’s identification, ETS may decline to score a test or may cancel the scores, and any associated test fee will be forfeited.

6.3.4 Misconduct. When ETS, the ETS Preferred Associate, or Employer finds that there is misconduct in connection with a test, ETS may decline to score the test or may cancel the test scores. Any associated test fees for test taker’s whose scores are cancelled due to misconduct will not be returned to the Assessment Administrator.

6.3.5 Test Score Data Retention. WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development scores reflect behavioral competencies and attributes at the time the test is taken. Test scores are retained in the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development database for only one year from the test date, and scores more than one year old are not reported. Individuals who took the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development more than one year ago must retake the test if they want scores. While all information that could be used to identify an individual is removed from the database after one year, anonymous score data and other information that can be used for research or statistical purposes are retained.

6.3.6 Score Cancellation. ETS or the local ETS Preferred Associate reserves the right to take all action — including but not limited to barring test takers from future testing and/or canceling scores — for failure to comply with test administration regulations or the Assessment Administrator’s directions. If a test taker’s scores are canceled, a letter will be sent from ETS. If applicable, no refunds will be provided.

7. Disability Guidelines

The assessment delivery adheres to several guideline standards such as:

- Text to Speech Support through accessibility tools such as Jaws, Mac, Voice Over and Chrome Vox.
- Keyboard Navigation
- Color Contrast (in support of test takers with color blindness or other visual impairment)

In addition, upon approval of the Assessment Administrator, extended time can be offered. For questions regarding any of the above accommodations for test takers with disabilities, please see your Assessment Administrator or email workforce@ets.org if within the United States.
8. Contact
If you have any technical issues or questions, please contact your Assessment Administrator.

9. Terms and Conditions
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT SET FORTH BELOW. THIS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT DEFINES YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS TO USE THE WORKFORCE® ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SYSTEM. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS OR USE THE WORKFORCE® SYSTEM.

You become bound by the terms and conditions of this End User License Agreement between You and Educational Testing Services (“ETS”) by accessing and using the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development.

Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

“Agreement” means this End User License Agreement.

“Intellectual Property Rights” shall mean all rights of a person or entity in, to, or arising out of:

a. Copyrights, including copyright registrations and applications therefore in the U.S. or any foreign country, and all rights corresponding thereto throughout the world,

b. Patents, including U.S., international, or foreign patents or any application therefore,

c. Trade Secrets, including any inventions, proprietary information, know-how, designs, technology, and related data,

d. Trademarks, including but not limited to trademarks, and service marks, trade names, trade dress, or domain names, including registrations issued, or pending applications therefore, or existing under common-law, in the U.S. or in any foreign jurisdiction,

e. Moral Rights, and

f. Any other proprietary rights anywhere in the world similar to those described in this definition.

“End User” or “You” means you.

“Reports” means the individual results generated from your use of the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development.

License. ETS grants to You a limited, non-exclusive, revocable, non-sublicensable, and non-transferable license to access and use the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development subject to the terms and conditions hereunder. The WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development will be available until expiration of the access period. You acknowledge that your access code is of a limited duration.

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Confidentiality. During the term of this Agreement, You may have access to information that is confidential and proprietary to ETS. Confidential and proprietary information may include, but is not limited to, the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development and any content contained therein. You shall keep confidential the confidential and proprietary information of ETS. You shall not use or disclose such information in any way other than as permitted under this Agreement. You may disclose and share any Reports You receive from your use of the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development with your current or prospective employer(s).
Term and Termination. This Agreement is effective immediately upon your access and use of the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development and shall remain in effect throughout the access period. ETS may, in its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement immediately at any time for any or no reason by cancelling your access code. Immediately upon termination of this Agreement, You are no longer authorized to access or use the WorkFORCE® Assessment for Career Development. You may continue to use any Reports previously received, but ETS has no obligation to provide You any additional Reports or copies or replacements of previously received Reports.

Limitation of Liability.

a. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE WORKFORCE® ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED HEREUNDER IS PROVIDED TO YOU “AS IS.” ETS EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WHETHER ARISING BY STATUTE OR OTHERWISE IN LAW OR FROM A COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY OF ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, NONINFRINGEMENT, TITLE, PERFORMANCE, MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

b. ETS EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACCESS AND USE OF THE WORKFORCE® ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ACCESS AND USE FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL, NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

c. IN NO EVENT WILL ETS’S LIABILITY, IN THE AGGREGATE, FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE ACCESS AND USE OF THE WORKFORCE® ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT OR ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, TO YOU OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID BY YOU FOR THE WORKFORCE® ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

Force Majeure. ETS shall be excused from performance hereunder during any period and to the extent that it is prevented from performing any obligation pursuant thereto, in whole or in part, as a result of delays not caused by ETS or any cause beyond its control, including without limitation interruption or failure of telecommunications or digital transmission links to the Internet, slowdowns or failures and computer hacking. Such nonperformance shall not be a default hereunder or a ground for termination hereof.

Relationship of the Parties. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between You and ETS; and neither party by virtue of this Agreement shall have any right, power, or authority to act or create any obligation, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other party.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the federal laws of the United States and the laws of the State of New Jersey, without giving effect to the principles thereof relating to the conflicts of laws. The terms contained in sections titled “Definitions”, “Restrictions on Use”, “Ownership”, “Confidentiality”, “Term and Termination”, “Limitation of Liability”, “Force Majeure”, “Governing Law”, “Relationship of the Parties”, “Entire Agreement”, and “Severability” shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between You and ETS concerning the subject matter hereof. Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall not be binding unless it is in writing and signed by You and ETS.

Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement are found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

BY SIGNING IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION ID AND ACCESS CODE TO TAKE THE ASSESSMENT, YOU REPRESENT AND AGREE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT IN THIS EXAMINEE HANDBOOK IN ITS ENTIRETY. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS OR USE THE WORKFORCE® ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT.