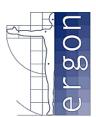
Skills For the Information Age (SFIA) Definitions & Rate Card - 2024

|    |                      | Strategy & architecture | Business change | Solution development & implementation | Service management | Procurement & management support | Client interface |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Follow               |                         |                 |                                       |                    |                                  |                  |
| 2. | Assist               |                         |                 |                                       |                    |                                  |                  |
|    |                      |                         |                 | £725 –                                |                    |                                  |                  |
| 3. | Apply                |                         |                 | £550                                  |                    |                                  |                  |
|    |                      |                         | £925 –          | £825 –                                | £925 –             | £825 –                           | £925 –           |
| 4. | Enable               |                         | £725            | £675                                  | £725               | £675                             | £725             |
|    |                      | £1000 –                 | £1100 –         | £1200 –                               | £1000 –            | £1200 –                          | £1000 –          |
| 5. | Ensure/Advise        | £825                    | £925            | £1000                                 | £800               | £1000                            | £825             |
|    |                      | £1200 –                 | £1375 –         | £1375 –                               | £1200 –            |                                  | £1200 –          |
| 6. | Initiate/Influence   | £1000                   | £1000           | £1100                                 | £1000              |                                  | £1000            |
|    |                      | £1275 –                 | £1450 –         | £1450 –                               | £1400 –            |                                  | £1375 –          |
| 7. | Set Strategy/Inspire | £1100                   | £1275           | £1100                                 | £1200              |                                  | £1200            |

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#### Standards for Consultancy Day Rate cards

Consultant's Working Day - 'Professional Day' min 8 hours exclusive of travel and lunch.

Working Week - Monday to Friday excluding national holidays

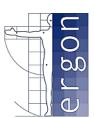
Office Hours - 09:00 - 17:00 Monday to Friday

**Travel and Subsistence** – Included in day rate within M25. Payable at department's standard T&S rates outside M25.

Mileage - As above

Professional Indemnity Insurance - included in day rate.

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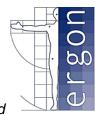


#### Level Definitions

|          | Autonomy   | Influence   | Complexity  | Business Skills   |
|----------|--|---|---|---|
| 1 Follow | Works under close<br>supervision. Uses little<br>discretion. Is expected to<br>seek guidance in<br>expected situations.  | Interacts with immediate colleagues.  | Performs routine activities in a structured environment.<br>Requires assistance in resolving unexpected problems. | Uses basic information systems and<br>technology functions, applications, and<br>processes. Demonstrates an organised<br>approach to work. Learns new skills and<br>applies newly acquired knowledge. Has basic<br>oral and written communication skills.<br>Contributes to identifying own development<br>opportunities.   |
| 2 Assist | Works under routine<br>supervision.<br>Uses minor discretion in<br>resolving problems or<br>enquiries. Works without<br>frequent reference to<br>others.   | Interacts with and may<br>influence immediate<br>colleagues. May have<br>some external contact<br>with customers and<br>suppliers. May have more<br>influence in own domain.                          | Performs a range of varied work<br>activities in a variety of<br>structured environments.                         | Understands and uses appropriate methods,<br>tools and applications.<br>Demonstrates a rational and organised<br>approach to work. Is aware of health and<br>safety issues. Identifies and negotiates own<br>development opportunities. Has sufficient<br>communication skills for effective dialogue<br>with colleagues. Is able to work in a team. Is<br>able to plan, schedule and monitor own work<br>within short time horizons. Absorbs technical<br>information when it is presented<br>systematically and applies it effectively. |
| 3 Apply  | Works under general<br>supervision. Uses<br>discretion in identifying<br>and resolving complex<br>problems and<br>assignments. Usually<br>receives specific<br>instructions and has work<br>reviewed at frequent | Interacts with and<br>influences<br>department/project team<br>members.<br>May have working level<br>contact with customers<br>and suppliers. In<br>predictable and structured<br>areas may supervise | Performs a broad range of work,<br>sometimes complex and non-<br>routine, in a variety of<br>environments.        | Understands and uses appropriate methods,<br>tools and applications.<br>Demonstrates an analytical and systematic<br>approach to problem solving. Takes the<br>initiative in identifying and negotiating<br>appropriate development opportunities.<br>Demonstrates effective communication skills.<br>Contributes fully to the work of teams. Plans,<br>schedules and monitors own work (and that   |

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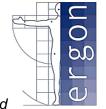
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|          | milestones. Determines<br>when issues should be<br>escalated to a higher<br>level.   | others. Makes decisions<br>which may impact on the<br>work assigned to<br>individuals or phases of<br>projects.   |   | of others where applicable) competently<br>within limited deadlines and according to<br>relevant legislation and procedures. Absorbs<br>and applies technical information. Works to<br>required standards. Understands and uses<br>appropriate methods, tools and applications.<br>Appreciates the wider field of information<br>systems, and how own role relates to other<br>roles and to the business of the employer or<br>client.   |
|----------|--|---|---|--|
| 4 Enable | Works under general<br>direction within a clear<br>framework of<br>accountability.<br>Exercises substantial<br>personal responsibility<br>and autonomy. Plans own<br>work to meet given<br>objectives and processes. | Influences team and<br>specialist peers internally.<br>Influences customers at<br>account level and<br>suppliers. Has some<br>responsibility for the work<br>of others and for the<br>allocation of resources.<br>Participates in external<br>activities related to own<br>specialism.<br>Makes decisions which<br>influence the success of<br>projects and team<br>objectives. | Performs a broad range of<br>complex technical or<br>professional work activities, in a<br>variety of contexts. | Selects appropriately from applicable<br>standards, methods, tools and applications.<br>Demonstrates an analytical and systematic<br>approach to problem solving. Communicates<br>fluently orally and in writing, and can present<br>complex technical information to both<br>technical and non-technical audiences.<br>Facilitates collaboration between<br>stakeholders who share common objectives.<br>Plans, schedules and monitors work to meet<br>time and quality targets and in accordance<br>with relevant legislation and procedures.<br>Rapidly absorbs new technical information<br>and applies it effectively. Has a good<br>appreciation of the wider field of information<br>systems, their use in relevant employment<br>areas and how they relate to the business<br>activities of the employer or client. Maintains<br>an awareness of developing technologies<br>and their application and takes some<br>responsibility for personal development. |

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| 5 Ensure/Advise          | Works under broad<br>direction. Is fully<br>accountable for own<br>technical work and/or<br>project/ supervisory<br>responsibilities. Receives<br>assignments in the form<br>of objectives.<br>Establishes own<br>milestones and team<br>objectives, and delegates<br>responsibilities. Work is<br>often self-initiated. | Influences organisation,<br>customers, suppliers and<br>peers within industry on<br>the contribution of own<br>specialism. Has<br>significant responsibility<br>for the work of others and<br>for the allocation of<br>resources. Makes<br>decisions which impact on<br>the success of assigned<br>projects i.e. results,<br>deadlines and budget.<br>Develops business<br>relationships with<br>customers. | Performs a challenging range<br>and variety of complex technical<br>or professional work activities.<br>Undertakes work which requires<br>the application of fundamental<br>principles in a wide and often<br>unpredictable range of contexts.<br>Understands the relationship<br>between own specialism and<br>wider customer/ organisational<br>requirements. | Advises on the available standards, methods,<br>tools and applications relevant to own<br>specialism and can make correct choices<br>from alternatives. Analyses, diagnoses,<br>designs, plans, execute and evaluates work<br>to time, cost and quality targets.<br>Communicates effectively, formally and<br>informally, with colleagues, subordinates and<br>customers. Demonstrates leadership.<br>Facilitates collaboration between<br>stakeholders who have diverse objectives.<br>Understands the relevance of own area of<br>responsibility/ specialism to the employing<br>organisation. Takes customer requirements<br>into account when making proposals. Takes<br>initiative to keep skills up to date. Mentors<br>more junior colleagues. Maintains an<br>awareness of developments in the industry.<br>Analyses requirements and advises on scope<br>and options for operational improvement.<br>Demonstrates creativity and innovation in<br>applying solutions for the benefit of the<br>customer. |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| 6 Initiate/<br>Influence | Has defined authority and<br>responsibility for a<br>significant area of work,<br>including technical,<br>financial and quality<br>aspects. Establishes<br>organisational objectives<br>and delegates<br>responsibilities. Is  | Influences policy<br>formation on the<br>contribution of own<br>specialism to business<br>objectives. Influences a<br>significant part of own<br>organisation and<br>influences<br>customers/suppliers and  | Performs highly complex work<br>activities covering technical,<br>financial and quality aspects.<br>Contributes to the formulation of<br>IT strategy. Creatively applies a<br>wide range of technical and/or<br>management principles.  | Absorbs complex technical information and<br>communicates effectively at all levels to both<br>technical and non-technical audiences.<br>Assesses and evaluates risk. Understands<br>the implications of new technologies.<br>Demonstrates clear leadership and the ability<br>to influence and persuade. Has a broad<br>understanding of all aspects of IT and deep<br>understanding of own specialism(s).   |

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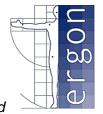
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|                            | accountable for actions<br>and decisions taken by<br>self and subordinates.  | industry at senior<br>management level. Makes<br>decisions which impact<br>the work of employing<br>organisations,<br>achievement of<br>organisational objectives<br>and financial<br>performance.<br>Develops high-level<br>relationships with<br>customers, suppliers and<br>industry leaders.                                 |   | Understands and communicates the role and<br>impact of IT in the employing organisation<br>and promotes compliance with relevant<br>legislation. Takes the initiative to keep both<br>own and subordinates' skills up to date and<br>to maintain an awareness of developments in<br>the IT industry.  |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 7 Set Strategy/<br>Inspire | Has authority and<br>responsibility for all<br>aspects of a significant<br>area of work, including<br>policy formation and<br>application. Is fully<br>accountable for<br>actions taken and<br>decisions made,<br>both by self and<br>subordinates | Makes decisions critical to<br>organisational success.<br>Influences developments<br>within the IT industry at<br>the highest levels.<br>Advances the knowledge<br>and/or exploitation of IT<br>within one or more<br>organisations.<br>Develops long-term<br>strategic relationships<br>with customers and<br>industry leaders. | Leads on the formulation and<br>application of strategy. Applies<br>the highest level of management<br>and leadership skills. Has a<br>deep understanding of the IT<br>industry and the implications of<br>emerging technologies for the<br>wider business environment. | Has a full range of strategic management<br>and leadership skills.<br>Understands, explains and presents complex<br>technical ideas to both technical and non-<br>technical audiences at all levels up to the<br>highest in a persuasive and convincing<br>manner. Has a broad and deep IT knowledge<br>coupled with equivalent knowledge of the<br>activities of those businesses and other<br>organisations that use and exploit IT.<br>Communicates the potential impact of<br>emerging technologies on organisations and<br>individuals and analyses the risks of using or<br>not using such technologies. Assesses the<br>impact of legislation, and actively promotes<br>compliance. Takes the initiative to keep both<br>own and subordinates' skills up to date and<br>to maintain an awareness of developments in<br>IT in own area(s) of expertise. |

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