

You and the Working World

Name: _____

1. Have you ever had a paid job or work experience placement with an employer?

Yes
 No

(If you answered “yes,” please go to question 2. If you answered “no,” please jump directly to question 9.)

2. How would you describe the training or orientation you received when you started the job?

(Choose one response only.)

Orientation was extensive, thorough, and formal (i.e., an organized session lasting an hour or longer).
 Orientation was thorough and clear, but informal (i.e., things explained as typical work situations arose).
 Orientation and training were haphazard (i.e., only some things were explained).
 I do not remember receiving any orientation or training.

3. Which of the following most closely describes your opinions about your orientation and training?

(Choose one response only.)

Very good coverage of what I needed to know: material all seemed worthwhile and necessary
 Felt like “overkill”: too much to absorb and not all of it really necessary
 Not very thorough: left out lots of things I had to discover later
 Somewhat confusing: left me feeling overwhelmed by the demands of the situation
 Not much to it, but no matter, as the job requirements seemed self-evident
 It was completely inadequate or non-existent

4. Who provided most of your orientation and training? (Choose one response only.)

The person to whom I reported (i.e., boss or supervisor)
 An experienced co-worker
 No one specific person
 I received no meaningful orientation or training

5. Which of the following topics were covered as part of your orientation and training? (Choose all that apply.)

Terms and conditions of employment
 Location of (access to) facilities, equipment, and supplies
 Person(s) to speak to about questions or concerns
 Safety hazards of the job
 Workplace health and safety rules and procedures, and reasons for those rules and procedures
 Emergency procedures and first aid facilities
 None of the above

6. How much opportunity for interaction did you have with your supervisor or employer during your day-to-day work? (Choose one response only.)

- Constant (we worked together, most of the time)
- Frequent (at least six or seven times a day, usually)
- Occasional (three or four times a day, usually)
- Very little (twice a day, or less)

7. How easy was it for you to approach your supervisor with questions and concerns related to your work? (Choose one response only.)

- Very easy (she/he always took time to speak with me and would respond to anything I raised)
- Fairly easy (I might have to wait to raise questions or receive answers to questions I asked, but I never felt uncomfortable raising work issues)
- Sometimes challenging (I sometimes felt unwilling to say anything that might make me seem stupid, uncooperative, or difficult)
- Quite difficult (he/she was often not around)

8. Did you ever witness or experience a situation where someone was or might have been seriously hurt at work?

- No
- Yes (Briefly describe what happened.)

9. What types of work might you be interested in for your next/first job? (Please give only your first, most likely option.)

10. What kinds of safety risks do you think there might be in that job? (Can you realistically imagine how someone might get hurt doing that job?)

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