

Institution of MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

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# **INTRODUCTION TO LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT**

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is a forward-looking, campaigning professional engineering organisation. We work with leading companies, universities and think tanks, to create and share knowledge about all aspects of engineering. Our commitment to building and continuously developing skills and knowledge places Learning and Development at the core of the Institution.

We believe that continuous learning and professional development will strengthen you, your company and contribute to our vision of "Improving the world through Engineering".

To support this, we offer a range of learning and development solutions that focus on the needs of the individual, the team and the business. Whether those needs are technical, personal, interpersonal or commercial; we have applied these solutions over many years in our work with national and international companies in engineering and non-engineering organisations.

Our Learning and Development solutions can be offered in a number of flexible ways to suit your particular needs and include:

- Performance Diagnostic tools a range of tools to provide team and individual insight and clarify strengths and development needs.
- Tailored programmes for businesses from entry level to senior leaders, we will create customised programmes to meet specific organisation's needs and budgets.
- Open courses designed to meet the needs of individuals working towards professional registration

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### HOW TO USE THE ENGINEER360 REPORT

Your Engineer360 report summarises the feedback you received from those you nominated to review your performance across the 5 key competences for engineers as outlined in UK-SPEC.

There are 6 key sections within this report:

- Importance to your role
- Summary of indicators
- Individual indicators
- Questions by indicator
- Development suggestions
- Comments

## **READING YOUR REPORT**

Remember that the views represented and the feedback provided is subjective. Some you may agree with, others you may not. The value in the report is the information it provides and the insights it gives you into how your behaviour is perceived by others.

We encourage you to discuss the content with your manager and agree any improvement actions.

Your reviewers are displayed throughout the report with the following colour indicators:



A minimum of three responses is required for the groups of Peers, Direct Reports and Others in order to be displayed as an independent category. This is to ensure that the anonymity of Reviewers is protected. If the minimum number of responses is not received, the feedback will be displayed within All Reviewers.

### PROVIDING FEEDBACK

Reviewers have completed a survey with approximately 50 questions regarding your performance. The majority of the questions follow the format "To what extent does the Reviewee demonstrate through their behaviour that they..."

The response options are:

- Does not demonstrate (0%)
- Rarely demonstrates (33%)
- Sometimes demonstrates (66%)
- Frequently demonstrates (100%)
- Unable to observe (UTO) (-)

## UNABLE TO OBSERVE (UTO) RESPONSES

UTO responses do not impact on the averages within your report and therefore do not affect your overall scores. However you should not ignore the feedback provided by the UTO responses, it may be helpful to ask yourself:

- Why are Reviewers unable to observe the behaviour?
- Do you feel that they should be able to observe it?
- Is it important to your role that the behaviour is visible?
- What could you do to demonstrate the behaviour more regularly?

## IMPORTANCE TO YOUR ROLE SECTION

Reviewers were asked to allocate 20 points across the five indicators regarding how important they are to success in your role. All competences are important to a balanced role however for some engineers one or two competences are particularly important. This question indicates whether your perception of the balance of your role is shared by your Reviewers.

## SUMMARY OF INDICATORS SECTION

This section consolidates the feedback from all questions within an indicator.

The graph below shows a response for the indicator "Technical Knowledge". The Perception Gap column highlights the difference between the mean score provided by the Reviewer compared with your own response. Therefore in the example below, the Manager (light green response) scored "Technical Knowledge" on average 25% higher than the Reviewee.

The missing line indicates that the minimum responses were not received for a particular Reviewee type and therefore the Anonymity Protected (AP) statement is made in the Perception Gap section.



## INDIVIDUAL INDICATOR SECTION

This section summarises the Reviewers responses to each question within an indicator. The top row consolidates the responses for all questions within the indicator.



Each question shows the percentage of responses received for each response type. The final three columns provide information to help analyse the feedback.

- All Reviewers indicates the average response across the reviewers to this guestion.
- Perception Gap indicates the difference between your response and All Reviewers. If this figure is in red, this means that you scored yourself higher than your Reviewers did.
- UTO indicates the percentage of your Reviewers who indicated they were "Unable to observe".

## **QUESTIONS BY INDICATOR SECTION**

Using the same format as the Summary of Indicators section, the section displays the responses to each question displayed by Reviewee type.



### DEVELOPMENT SUGGESTIONS SECTION

Your Engineer360 report includes common development suggestions that have been provided by a professional development expert. We have selected the five questions with the lowest average and provided suggestions to support your action planning.

## COMMENTS SECTION

The final pages in your report provide comments which have been provided by your Reviewers regarding what you should Stop, Start and Continue doing.

When reading the comments, you may think you can identify specific people from the language or phrases used. Remember this report is anonymous and "guessing" may be inaccurate and unhelpful. All comments are provided verbatim and have not been edited.

## **RESPONSES TO YOUR REPORT**

The table below provides information on the number of completions received within each category.

Members	Minimum Required	Number Invited	Number Completed
Reviewee	1	1	1
Manager	1	1	1
Peer	3	3	0
Direct Report	3	3	3
Other	3	0	0
All Reviewers	3	7	4

Please note, where minimum completions have not been received in a category the responses will still be included within the All Reviewers category. This is to ensure that Anonymity Protection (AP) is satisfied.

# **IMPORTANCE TO YOUR ROLE**

### **UK SPEC Competences**

We asked you and your reviewers to rate the importance of the five UK-SPEC competences to your role. Respondents were asked to allocate a total of 20 points across the five dimensions.



#### \*Average score per member type

Members	Technical knowledge	Problem solving	Leadership and Management	Interpersonal skills	Professionalism
Reviewee	4	4	4	4	4
Manager	6	3	2	5	4
Peers	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Reports	3	3.7	5	5	3.3
Others	0	0	0	0	0
All Reviewers	3.8	3.5	4.3	5	3.5

# **SUMMARY OF INDICATORS**

This page summarises the feedback received from your Reviewers across the five indicators.



# Technical knowledge

This indicator explores the degree to which generalist and specialist engineering knowledge is applied. A high score on this indicator suggests that you provide technical expertise including implementing best practice methodologies.



Key: Does not demonstrate

Rarely demonstrates

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## Problem solving

This indicator is concerned with the ability to generate practical and relevant solutions to engineering challenges. A high score on this indicator suggests that you are contributing effectively to the development and implementation of solutions.



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## Leadership and Management

This indicator outlines the degree to which leadership and management skills are applied to support effective working. A high score in this indicator suggests that you collaborate effectively and utilise the resources available.



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## Interpersonal skills

This indicator details the extent to which you communicate effectively with internal and external colleagues. A high score on this indicator suggests that you outline expectations clearly and manage conflict.

		All Reviewers	Perception Gap	UTO
Interpersonal skills	5 32 37 24	60.4%	9.3%	
Q1. Communicate effectively verbally.	25 25 50	75.0%	-8.3%	
Q2. Communicate effectively in writing.	50 25 25	58.3%	8.4%	
Q3. Manage meetings appropriately.	66 33	44.4%	55.6%	25.0%
O4. Exchange information with non-technical colleagues in a way that they can use effectively.	33 66	44.4%	55.6%	25.0%
Q5. Deliver feedback (both praise and criticism) effectively.	100	33.3%	33.4%	50.0%
Q6. Deliver engaging presentations.	33 33 33	66.7%	0%	25.0%
Q7. Summarise the outcomes of discussions succinctly and appropriately.	50 25 25	58.3%	41.7%	
Q8. Manage their own emotions.	66 33	77.8%	-44.5%	25.0%
Q9. Resolve conflicts.	25 25 50	66.7%	-33.4%	
Q10. Take responsibility for collective goals.	25 50 25	66.7%	0%	
O11. Appear confident and flexible in dealing with challenging situations.	33 66	55.6%	11.1%	25.0%

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## Professionalism

This indicator is concerned with the demonstration and adherence to professional standards within engineering. A high score on this indicator suggests that you are representing the engineering community effectively.



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# **DEVELOPMENT SUGGESTIONS**

This section selects potential areas for development based on your lowest five questions as rated by your reviewers.

### INDICATOR: Problem solving - Q6 Implement successful design solutions.

Implement successful design solutions.

- Are you promoting the solutions you implement appropriately? Take time to celebrate your achievements with others in order to raise your profile and change people's perceptions of you.
- Identify role models in your organisation who are really effective implementers. What is it they do differently? What can you learn from their way of working that you can make part of your skillset?
- Consider using the Belbin Team Roles Self-Perception Inventory to examine the behaviours of your wider team. Are there behavioural traits missing that could be addressed through development or recruitment that will help you become more effective in implementing solutions.
- Are you using good project management techniques to implement solution effectively? Consider some Project Management training for you or your wider team.
- If the issue is more fundamental, consider requesting feedback from colleagues.
- If your design solutions are in response to a formal brief, ensure you continuously revisit the brief and ensure your understanding of the requirements are clear.

### INDICATOR: Problem solving - Q7

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- Ask yourself 'What does success look like?' Make sure you can answer this question for yourself before moving forwards. If you don't know what success look like how will you know if you've got there? Seek your managers' perspective to ensure you are aligned.
- Set success factors that link your objectives to the wider organisational needs. How do the outcomes you seek help the organisation move forwards? If they don't rethink what you are trying to achieve and how you will measure it.
- Seek a range of inputs when developing critical success factors. What will your stakeholders view as a successful outcome? Different stakeholders will have different views of success depending on their own perspectives and agendas. It is important you know this information to set realistic, meaningful success criteria.
- Determine who is responsible for the success. Ensure you fully understand the success factors for tasks and projects and keep a dialogue with the key stakeholders throughout to ensure you meet them.



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### INDICATOR: Problem solving - Q3

Set targets and action plans for engineering activities.

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- Set SMART objectives for your activities. Being clear on what it is you are trying to achieve will help you achieve it.
- Agree deadlines upfront and ensure you schedule regular reviews.
- Request feedback throughout and be clear about what is acceptable.
- Carry out risk analysis of your activities to reduce the chances of unexpected surprises and ensure you have contingency plans ready. Develop a range of risk assessment techniques that you can use so your action plans are robust from simple risk assessment to more complex probability/impact assessments

### INDICATOR: Problem solving - Q5

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- Decide key factors, and relative importance, that need to be taken into account when making decisions in advance of analysing the data. This will help reduce unconscious bias in your decision making process.
- Develop your understanding of tools such as paired comparison, balanced scorecard and force field analysis to help with this.
- Consider your 'gut reaction' to decisions. Does it feel right? If it doesn't reflect on your original assessment criteria were they the right criteria? Have you missed something that should be taken into account?
- Remember data can be qualitative or quantitative and gathered internally and externally. It is important to understand the methodology of data collection prior to making decisions.
- Consider bringing other people into the decision making process to challenge your thinking, analysis of data, and level of data available. Are you making assumptions or acting without the full picture?
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## **COMMENTS**

The following comments were provided by your reviewers.

# Reviewers believe you should START

Holding regular 1-2-1's with peer group

Send agendas for meetings beforehand

Ensure best practice procedures are documented

Ensuring we get best practice from other organisations as well as our own



## **COMMENTS**

The following comments were provided by your reviewers.

## Reviewers believe you should STOP



Sending so many emails

Assuming that non-technical team members can do technical roles

Setting unrealistic deadlines



## **COMMENTS**

The following comments were provided by your reviewers.

## Reviewers believe you should CONTINUE

Seeking to collaborate with other teams

Developoing people

Cross training colleagues

To have a results focus



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