



## Terms used in official statistics



### Technicians and equivalent staff employed on R&D activity

Persons whose primary tasks require technical knowledge and experience in at least one field of technical, physical and natural sciences or social and human sciences. They participate in R&D activity through performing scientific and technical tasks related to application of notions and operating methods, usually under the supervision of researchers. Equivalent employees perform the relevant R&D tasks under the supervision of researchers in the field of social and human sciences.

In the analysis of R&D conducted by GUS (Central Statistical Office), technical and equivalent employees include engineering and technical employees with secondary and post-secondary education employed in scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences and research and development units as well as scientific and technical employees with secondary and post-secondary education employed in higher schools. In other units conducting or coordinating R&D works, this category includes employees participating in the realization of these works using specific ideas or methods and holding: 1) secondary technical education or education appropriate for the performed specialisation and the specific number of years of service on the position of a craftsman, technician, executive staff, etc. 2) secondary technical education or basic vocational education and the specific number of years of service on the position of a draughtsman, laboratory assistant, technical assistance staff, etc.