



Future of Retail Jobs & Skills

Aligning Business with Retail Jobs Transformation Map (JTM)



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Summary of Key Findings (Jobs Transformation Map – Retail)



Job Impact Analysis

4 High Impact Job Roles





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10 Medium Impact Job Roles 2 Low Impact Job Roles 9 Emerging Job Roles

Manpower Gaps

5.84% manpower gap by 2030, with these roles having the highest anticipated workforce gaps



Key findings gathered from sample size of:

- 19 one-to-one interview with retail thought leaders and agencies
- 48 stakeholders through Focus Group Discussion
- >70 data points gathered through employee surveys and retail-sector workforce data

4 Key Trends that will shape the industry



AUTOMATION & DATA

The emergence of big data and advancements in retail technology have enabled retailers to boost their productivity and leverage data analytics to inform their decisionmaking processes.



NEW RETAIL MODEL

Retail

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Retail models are evolving with an increasing emphasis on integration between online and offline channels, and redesigning store experience to prioritise customer needs and preferences.

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FUTURE-PROOFED SUPPLY CHAIN Supply chains are becoming increasingly complex and retailers are striving to improve inventory management, provide more fulfilment options and establish a more resilient supply chain

3 Key Challenges in Retail Sector Today

Challenges	Current state in the sector What does this mean for retailers		
Alleviating transformation fatigue	 The retail industry has undergone multiple transformation journeys due to the changing consumer demands and the introduction of technology. The fragmented nature of the sector means that retailers have to navigate their own transformation journey as solutions are often not easily replicable across the various retail archetypes. 	 To avoid transformation fatigue, retailers have to adopt an experimental approach with clear objectives and hypotheses, using guiding principles to weigh investment risks against achieving productive transformation. It is also critical for retailers to consider implementing change management activities to encourage employees to embark on the transition. 	
Redefining the sector's value proposition	 Job seekers value strong organisational branding, clear career progression opportunities and responsible rewards practices when joining a retail organisation¹. Importantly, they want to work for retailers whose brands' values resonate with their personal beliefs, making their work much more purposeful and meaningful. 	 Retailers need to redefine the value they can offer employees by focusing on doing things like investing in paying employees fairly, building clear frameworks for career progression and defining their employer brand and purpose. 	
Developing a future-ready workforce with transferrable skills	 As the sector continues to transform, a diverse range of employees in the sector need to develop skills across both technical and customer-centric capabilities to deliver high quality services and attractive products. Retail job roles will become multi-dimensional with a demand for cross-cutting skill sets such as data analytics. 	 To stay competitive in the sector and to retain retail talents, retailers need to begin thinking about what are the critical skillsets required and how to support existing employees in upskilling. 	

Potential Future Scenarios of Retail Sector

The aim of this section is to highlight the transformation of the retail sector, in hopes to inspire and prepare retailers for the future. For each scenario, the JTM has identified some opportunities areas for retailers to consider as they embark on their transformation journey.



Five Key areas where retailers should take action

Current Perspectives of Retail					
Employees perform routine, specific tasks to deliver customer transactions	Digitalisation and automation will completely disrupt and displace retail jobs	Unattractive compensation and overall societal perception deter people from joining / staying in retail	Focus on a narrower definition of productivity (financial / transactional performance metrics)	Market expansion can be seen as risky and challenging	
#1 Designing customer-centric job roles	#2 Empowering workers through technology	#3 Engaging the workforce	#4 Rethinking success in retail	#5 Expanding growth opportunities	
Redesigning job roles to be more multi- dimensional, creating seamless and engaging customer experiences	While technology displaces specific job tasks, it also unlocks the potential for new, higher-value job roles and skills	Reimagining work design, workforce models and the employee value proposition to engage a diverse workforce	Multi-faceted, integrated metrics and a focus on sustainable workforce productivity enable long-term success	A wide range of market entry modes makes it feasible for diverse types of retailers to go global	

The Future of Retail

#1 Designing Customer- Centric Job Roles

To drive strong customer relationships and brand loyalty, retailers need to **foster a customer-centric culture** across employees and customers.



Customer-centric retail experience

 Rising customer expectations and stiff competition: Promote the need to provide desirable customer services

Redesign retail job tasks and roles

- Multi-dimensional job roles: Provide greater efficiency & agility as they take on tasks across the retail value chain
- **Emerging job roles:** Promote customer-centric & technology innovative solutions



Rise of new retail models

• New retail models (e.g. omni-channel retail, curated subscription) require employees to adapt quickly to business and consumer demands

#2 Empowering Workers through technology

Technology is enabling new opportunities for employees to upskill and take on higher-value.

How can retailers maximise the value of technology



• Employees upskill on existing and emerging skills, in conjunction with digital transformation efforts

SEPHORA



Attracting talent with diverse skillsets

• Attract and hire talent with technical skills and business expertise to enable digital transformation

Sephora places emphasis on its people, helping them to find meaning in work they do. They have redesigned roles to reduce transactional work, focusing attention on providing beauty advice to customers.

Possible ways to reorganise Job Content



New roles will emerge and existing roles will experience varying levels of disruption and impact



#3 Engaging the Workforce

Creating equitable, transparent and rewarding manpower relationships to meet expectations across alternative talent pools.

Retail Workforce of Today

	Fresh Graduates	Mid-career Switchers	Existing Retail Employees
Reasons for joining/staying in retail	 Passion for working in retail sector Positive past work experience 	 Organisation Brand Career Progression Opportunities 	Interesting WorkOrganisational brand
Common rea being interest Leaving the se	ed in retail /	career progression Unattractive compense	Lack of work-life balance

#3 Engaging the Workforce

To develop an engaged retail workforce



Defining the unique EVP

Identify the 'deal' between employee and retailer:

 Retailers have to engage employees and be attuned to the diverse needs of employees





Continuous redesign of retail job tasks

Retail job tasks will **constantly evolve**:

- Technology implementation
- Multi-dimensional roles
- Enrichment and/or enlargement of job roles

Provides interesting & positive work experience

Developing career frameworks and pathways

Enabling open and honest conversations about career growth

- Help identify flexible career paths across functions
- Determine training opportunities related to the key skills in specific roles

Improves career progression opportunities & compensation

#4 Rethinking Success in retail

Success measurement needs to focus on **multi-faceted** and **integrated metrics**, extending beyond financial performance measures.



HR plays a crucial role in ensuring talent remain motivated and engaged in their organisation, while addressing gaps between current and projected workforce requirements.



#5 Expanding Growth Opportunities

In the longer term, retailers can consider leveraging on **Singapore's unique characteristics** as a strategic partner in **regional and global development**.

Modes of Internationalisation



To conclude, the Retail JTM act as a roadmap for the sector, outlining the driving change and how retailers should respond to build a vibrant retail sector from 2023







Jobs-Skills Integrator for Retail (JSIT-R)

SNEF is the appointed Programme Manager (PM) for Jobs-Skills Integrator for Retail Industry (JSIT-R)



JSIT-R will act as a key enablers to support retail companies to drive business and workforce transformation



Enterprise's Journey with JSIT-R





Activity – Call for Action (5 mins)

Group Discussion and Sharing (10 mins)





Solutions Grant (PSG-JR)

PSG-JR provides companies with Job Redesign (JR) consultancy support to complement and drive business and workforce transformation

What is the PSG-JR Programme?

PSG-JR allows enterprises to:



Engage pre-approved JR Consultants to embark on a JR project



Tap on funding support to defray cost of JR consultancy service

Note: IT Solutions & Equipment will not be funded under PSG-JR

PSG-JR Eligibility Criteria & Funding Support



- Registered or incorporated and operating in Singapore¹
- At least three (3) local employees² at the point of application

Note:

- ¹ No 30% local shareholding requirement for enterprise and open to both business and selected non-business entities
- ² Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents



reimbursement basis

- **Funding at 70%** of JR consultancy cost, capped at S\$30,000 per enterprise ³
- Eligible enterprises may also tap on the SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit (SFEC)⁴ to defray up to 90% out-of-pocket (OOP) expenses, capped at \$10,000

³ Each enterprise UEN can have **more than one** approved PSG-JR application supported within the grant cap of \$30,000

⁴ For enquiries on SFEC eligibility or balance, <u>visit this link</u> or email: <u>enquiry@enterprisesg.gov.sg</u>

Enterprise may check eligibility of SFEC and the available credit balance via BGP



Note:

⁵ Credit disbursement will be processed in the order of claims filed for the supportable programmes. Please refer to FAQs for more information on SFEC.

⁶ A single tranche on reimbursement basis, upon project completion and submission of necessary supporting documents.

⁷ Not applicable if Enterprise is not eligible for SFEC or have fully drawn-down SFEC credit balance for other supportable programmes.

⁸ \$30,000 funding cap is applicable (i.e., 70% of \$45,000 = \$31,500. As \$31,500 is more than \$30,000, the funding is capped at \$30,000).

Attractive funding support disbursed upon project completion



- Enterprise successfully applied for the PSG-JR grant to implement a job redesign project
- Enterprise checked via the <u>Business</u> <u>Grants Portal (BGP)</u> and verified SFEC credit balance of \$10,000 is available for draw-down⁴

For illustration purpose only

Description:	Example 1	Example 2
(a) Qualifying project cost*:	\$35,000	\$45,000
(b) PSG-JR claim disbursement ⁵ (70% of project cost, capped at \$30,000):	\$24,500	\$30,000 ⁷
Out-of-pocket (OOP) expense (a) – (b):	\$10,500	\$15,000
(c) SFEC disbursement ⁶ (90% of OOP expense):	\$9,450	\$10,000
Enterprise's nett investment in JR project (a) – (b) – (c):	\$1,050	\$5,000

* Excluding GST

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Experienced HR/JR Consultants to support enterprise's job redesign



For more information about the pre-approved JR Consultants and their contact information, visit the URL below or scan the QR Code

https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/browse-all-solutions-job-redesign-solutions/job-redesign-consultancy



PSG-JR supports JR projects leading to:



Worker's job size enlarged and/or job value increased; or

Improved job attractiveness to the local workforce

PSG-JR Project Illustration (1) - Department Store

- Company identified the Retail Associate job role to attract and retain talent to tackle manpower challenges and build internal capabilities.
- To improve job attractiveness, the company recognised the need to build internal capabilities through multi-skilling and stabilise the roles for future business expansion.
- The redesigned role will ensure staff are highly effective for deployment. This would lead to improved customer engagement and quality of service and improved job attractiveness for talent attraction as well as opens up new career pathways through dual roles and a multiskilled workforce.

BEFORE JR

Retail Associate

The role is primarily responsible for day-to-day operations including maintaining the retail store; providing customer service; cashiering duties and coordinating the movement of goods and people within the store.

AFTER JR

- Job role will be expanded to include visual merchandising duties and responsibilities.
 - Job role will be **enriched** to cover work areas relating to:
 - Visual Merchandising
 - Evaluating effectiveness of service operations and delivery approaches
 - Customer Engagement

PSG-JR Project Illustration (2) – Local Retail Chain

- Company recognized the needs to relook on their digitization strategy and business model as they move towards omni-channel retailing.
- To support their business transformation, they identified the e-commerce manager job role; marcom manager job role and operations job role will need to be redesigned.
- The redesigned roles will increase productivity and better harness employee potential and capabilities. This would also lead to better clarity in accountabilities across job functions and optimize efficiency, in line with company's omnichannel strategy.

BEFORE JR

E-Commerce, Marcom and Operation job roles

- Teams were working in silos based on the type of channels they were responsible for.
- E-commerce experience was not as seamless as product launches on digital platforms required longer processing time.
- Sales and inventory data were stored in separate software platforms resulting in work duplication among employees.

AFTER JR

- Operational/ administrative duties were reduced.
- Job roles will be enriched to cover work areas relating to:
 - Data analytics
 - Predicting customer needs
 - Strategy planning

PSG-JR Project Illustration (3) – Attractions /Theme Park

- Company faces challenges in Manpower shortage and lack of customer-centric behaviours for their Retail Associate role.
- Through job redesigned, they combine 2 job roles into a new job role: Service Associate. This allow them to broadened their talent pool and create more flexible talent deployment.
- Reviewed career pathway for scale up, creating more learning and development opportunities for existing employees.

BEFORE JR

Retail Associate

The role is primarily responsible for day-to-day operations including maintaining the retail store; providing customer service; cashiering duties and coordinating the movement of goods and people within the store.

AFTER JR

- Job role will be enhanced to focus more on:
 - Customer-Centric Behaviours
 - Engagement of all guest profiles
 - Sharing Knowledge with guests
- Job roles will be enriched to cover work areas relating to:
 - Service Recovery
 - Inventory Tracking

Management's PSG-JR Experience



"Deep Dive Studios embarked on this project with the key goal of improving talent attraction and retention through a consistent Employee Experience that aligns to our desired company culture.

This project has not only helped to highlight some issues we needed to address (such as different experience levels among line managers and unstructured reviews) but also allowed us to develop a new Employee Engagement strategy where various organisational stakeholders could be jointly-involved for effective implementation of the new processes.

We are especially heartened to see the job value of our HR role increase by over 30%, as measured by the National Job Evaluation Tool and are looking forward to more productivity improvements within the organisation."

Darren Quek, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Deep Dive Studios Pte. Ltd.



"[The support from Workforce Singapore and Singapore National Employers Federation] through the PSG-JR came at just the right time. Our employees benefited

greatly from the project, as they were trained and empowered to take on new responsibilities, leading to greater job satisfaction. Overall, the project delivered dual benefits, improving both our business operations and employee engagement."

Mr Bobby Bock, General Manager, GBS (Singapore) Pte Ltd





Career Conversion Programme (CCP)

Retail Roles

What does CCP meant for New Hires



Career Conversion Programme (CCP) for Retail Industry



How it Works?



CCP for Existing Workers





How to do Job Redesign?


Funding Rates & Duration for CCP-RI

COMPONENT	PLACE-AND-TRAIN (NEW HIRES)	JR RESKILLING (EXISTING WORKERS)
Support Duration	PMET : Up to 6 months RnF : Up to 3 months	PMET & RnF : Up to 3 months
Salary Support	STANDARD RATE: Up to 70% of Fixed Monthly Salary (capped at \$4,000 per month) ENHANCED RATE: Up to 90% of Fixed Monthly Salary (capped at \$6,000 per month) - For Long-Term Unemployed* or Mature workers aged 40 and above	

*Long-Term Unemployed (LTU) are defined as jobseekers who are unemployed for at least 6 months who are actively seeking employment

Eligibility Criteria



FOR COMPANIES

- Registered or incorporated in Singapore
- Offer a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$\$1,850 for RnF workers (Retail only) and \$\$2,500 for PMET workers
- Be committed to work with WSG or its appointed partner on the necessary administrative matters related to the CCP
- Develop OJT for conversion of new hires and existing employees into new roles that are <u>substantially different from previous roles</u>
- Provide business transformation plan to justify reskilling of <u>existing employees</u> and ensure sound job redesign to support company's growth and achievement of intended outcomes.



- Must be Singapore Citizen/PR
- Be at least 21 years old
- Must not be a shareholder or related to the CCP host company, or its related companies
- Must not be undergoing any programmes funded by WSG concurrently
- For <u>new hires</u>, OJT should commence within 3months from date of employment
- **Existing employees** must be employed by company for more than 12-months at the point of application





Career Conversion Programme (CCP)

Generic roles

Overview



CCP for Human Capital Professionals

A conversion programme to support new or existing HR Professionals to attain emerging skills and competencies in the HR industry through structured OJT and work-based project guided by appointed industry experts.

CCP for Professional Executives

Open to both SMEs and non-SMEs across all sectors, this broad-based conversion programme supports midcareer PMETs taking up new business support roles in need of digital competencies through structured OJT.

CCP for SME Executives

A 3-month programme to acclimatise new hires to an SME working environment that includes a 3-day workshop and structured On-The-Job Training (OJT) to help PMETs and SMEs start off on the right foot.

CCP for Human Capital Professionals



Skills & Competencies

1.Core Functional Skills e.g. Recruitment, Learning & Development, etc.

2. Emerging Skills and Competencies (ESCs)

Job scope must involve at least two of the four ESCs

- i. HR Data Analytics and Visualisation
- ii. Strategic Workforce Planning
- iii. Knowledge in HR Technology
- iv. Change Management

Trainees are required to complete a Work-based Project Report*

*the Work-based Project must involve at least two of the four ESCs

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CCP for Professional Executives



- a. Support mid-career PMET from any sector to transit into business support roles;
 - 1. Administration
 - 2. Business Development
 - 3. Sales and Marketing
 - 4. Operations
 - 5. Project Management
- b. Also supports company whose existing employees are **impacted by business** transformation and requires job redesign and reskilling.
- c. Equip PMETs with **at least one digital skill competency** (i.e. data analytics, technology applications etc.) upon programme completion.

CCP for SME Executives



*3-day Workshop Training

Day 1: PMETs will learn techniques to help them acclimatise to the SME working environment

Day 2: PMETs will learn foundational skills in various key business functional areas necessary to operate effectively in an SME environment

Day 3: Joint session between PMETs and their SME supevisors to facilitate interaction and alignment of work expectations, including job descriptions, job tasks and expected deliverables

CCP for SME Executives

Former SME Criteria	Revised SME Criteria (Effective from 1 Feb 2023)
 Registered or incorporated in	 Registered or incorporated in
Singapore	Singapore
2. At least 30% local shareholding by	2. At least 30% local shareholding by
Singapore Citizens or Singapore	Singapore Citizens or Singapore
Permanent Residents	Permanent Residents
3. Employment size of not more than 200	2. Employment size of not more than
(at group level) or with annual sales	200 (at group level) or with annual sales
turnover (at group level) of not more	turnover (at group level) of not more
than \$100 million	than \$100 million



Eligibility Criteria

For Employers

- Registered or incorporated in Singapore with a valid Unique Entity Number (UEN) with Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA);
- Offer a full-time PMET position related to job role which the CCP is for, in accordance with the minimum fixed monthly salary stipulated by respective programme, and at least a 12-month employment contract;

 $\hfill\square$ Ensure that new hires are not:

- A shareholder of the CCP company, or its related companies;
- Related to the owner(s) of the company; and
- Immediate ex-staff of the company or its related companies.
- Must put in place structured on-the-job training for the candidate



For Candidates

The Programme is open to all company-sponsored applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) aged 21 years and above;
- New hires must have graduated or completed NS, whichever is later, at least two years prior at the point of application;
- Must be a newly hired PMET (i.e. not more than three (3) months from date of employment), and nominated by an eligible company for the CCP;

□ Must not be in a similar job role prior to joining the CCP;

Funding Support

Funding by WSG	Standard Rate	Enhanced Rate*
Salary Support ¹	Up to 70% of monthly salary for CCP training duration (capped at \$4,000 per month)	Up to 90% of monthly salary for CCP training duration (capped at \$6,000 per month)

*Enhanced Rate:

Salary Support – For SC/SPR trainees who are unemployed and actively seeking employment for six months or more, and/or SC/SPR trainees aged 40 years and above in the year of commencement of the CCP.

¹New hires put on CCP will be eligible for Jobs Growth Incentive during the qualifying period. Visit <u>www.wsg.gov.sg/ccp</u> for more details.

Upcoming Structured Career Planning Workshop

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Structured Career Planning Workshop for Future of Retail

Learning Objectives

- Understand Job Transformation Map (JTM) for the Retail Sector
- Understand the objectives and the business case for SCP. This includes how SCP is driven by various HR policies and processes and the overall implementation framework, taking into consideration the retirement and re-employment.
- Apply SCP Step by Step using the guide: (a) Administer the Individual Career Assessment tools, (b) Conduct Structured Career Conversations and Administer the Career Action Plan, (c) Learn how to handle difficult conversations
- Evaluate current career development procedures and build SCP into current HR policy

Topics:

1. Job Transformation Map

- * What is Job Transformation Map?
- * The Job Transformation Map for the Retail Sector

2. The 9 Emerging Job Roles and their challenges

* Introducing the 9 emerging job roles for the Retail Sector * Group Discussion – Implications or challenges of the JTM on existing jobs for the near future and preparation of employees for the 9 emerging roles for the retail sector

3. Structured Career Planning (SCP)

- Introduction to Structured Career Planning (SCP)
 Understand the need and business case for SCP (For Retail Sector)
- * Group Discussion Values of Career Conversations in
- organisations

4. SCP Implementation Framework

- * Understand Full vs Lite Version * Understand SCP Step by Step Overview (reference to SCP Guide) * Difference between Career Conversations and Performance
- Review Conversations

5. Engaging in Career Conversion (HOW)

* 3 stages – Pre-conversation, Conducting the Conversation, Post-Conversation, Who? When? Where? * Introducing the SCP Resources/Guide – Resources A to D (for Retail Sector)

Course Fee Singaporean Citizen/ PR \$327.00 per pax before funding (inclusive of GST) Subsequent Participant First 2 participants \$327.00 inclusive of GST (Singaporeans and SPR) from the same company \$27.00 each After JSIT Funding and **GST** inclusive Foreigner \$327.00 per participant

Target Audience: HR Managers, People

Managers and Business Owners

Delivery methodology:

Mini-lectures, individual & group exercises,

case discussions, presentations, roles play etc

* Participants to bring laptop or tablet devices

for exercises

Date	: 18 January 2024
Duration	: 9am to 5pm (7 hours)
Course Venue	: SNEF Corporate Learning
	Centre @ 60 Paya Lebar Road
	13-45,
	Paya Lebar Square Lobby 2
	Singapore 409051

Pre-register your interest:

https://forms.office.com/r/g2sQD4ZLcV



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