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# Human Resources Management

#### Section 9.1

#### **Human Resources**

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#### **Objectives**

- **Describe** the role of human resources within an organization.
- Explain the role of organized labor in society.

# Key Terms

- human resources
- human resources management (HRM)
- job analysis
- job description
- compensation
- professional development
- salary
- incentive
- bonus

- commission
- piecework
- benefit
- labor union
- white-collar worker
- blue-collar worker
- collective bargaining
- arbitration
- strike

# **Essential Question**

Why is human resource management important in any type of business?

- Human resources are the employees who work for a business
- *Human resources (HR) department* oversees human resources within an organization
- *Human resources planning* is creating strategy to meet employment needs of a company
- Human resources management (HRM) is the process of hiring, training, and developing employees

• Five basic functions of Human resources management



- Recruiting and hiring: Most basic HRM function
  - Job analysis is a process that identifies the job requirements for a position, employee qualifications, and how success will be evaluated
  - Job description defines the position and expectations of a job
  - *Recruiting* is strategy to find qualified people
  - Screening interview is the first interview
  - Compensation is payment to an employee for work performed including wages or salaries, incentives, and benefits

- Training: Specific and job-related to prepare new employee for the job
  - Orientation is overview of company and operations
  - Job-specific training is usually hands-on and in a classroom setting
  - Professional development is education for people who have already completed their formal schooling and training

- Compensation: HR ensures compensation is in line with competition and industry standards
  - Wage is payment for work calculated hourly, daily, or weekly
  - Salary is fixed payment for work and is expressed as an annual figure
  - Incentives are a type of compensation based on performance; pay for performance
  - **Bonus** is money added to an employee's base pay
  - Commission is income paid as a percentage of sales made by a salesperson

- Compensation (continued)
  - Piecework is a wage based on a rate per unit of work completed
  - Benefit is a form of noncash compensation received in addition to a wage or salary, such as medical and dental insurance, sick leave, vacation time, and profitsharing

- Performance evaluation: Assess how well employees are performing their jobs
  - Performance appraisal assesses job performance and progress toward set goals
  - Job *promotion* is the advancement of an employee within a company to a position of greater responsibility
  - *Termination* is the process of ending the relationship between an employer and an employee
  - Downsizing is a general reduction in the number of employees within a company

- Legal compliance: Staying up-to-date with labor laws and regulations
  - Fair and equal treatment of employees
  - Working conditions
  - May differ from state to state

Laws Affecting Human Resource Management		
Law	Year	Description
Fair Labor Standards Act	1938	Supports workers rights by establishing the federal minimum wage, 40-hour workweek, requirements for overtime pay, and restrictions on child labor
Equal Pay Act	1963	Requires that women and men receive equal pay for equal work
Civil Rights Act	1964	Outlaws discrimination and segregation based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin
Age Discrimination in Employment Act	1967	Protects employees age 40 and older from discrimination on the basis of age in hiring, promotion, discharge, and compensation
Occupational Safety and Health Act	1970	Requires employers to provide a workplace free of hazards that could affect the health and safety of workers
Americans with Disabilities Act	1990	Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodation, communications, and governmental activities
Family and Medical Leave Act	1993	Requires certain employees be granted temporary, job-protected leave based on qualifying events

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### **Organized Labor**

- Labor union is a group of workers united as a single body to protect and advance the rights and interests of its members; *organized labor*
- A white-collar worker is one who primarily uses mental abilities and knowledge acquired in higher education
- A blue-collar worker is one whose job involves physical labor

# **Organized Labor**

- Collective bargaining is the formal negotiation process between management and unions to resolve issues
  - In *mediation*, a neutral person attempts to find a solution acceptable to both sides
  - In arbitration, a third party reviews both sides and makes a legally-binding decision
- A strike is when union workers temporarily refuse to work

#### **Section 9.1 Review**

1. List the five basic functions of human resources management.

The five basic functions of human resources management are recruiting and hiring, training and development, compensation, performance evaluation, and legal compliance.

2. What are the two phases of new employee training? New employee training is often divided into two phases: orientation and job-specific training.

#### **Section 9.1 Review**

3. What is the purpose of a performance appraisal?

A performance appraisal is an assessment of an employee's job performance and the progress made toward achieving set goals.

4. Why did labor unions begin to appear in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century?

Many employers of the time were not treating their employees well. Workers were subjected to low wages, long hours, and poor working conditions. As a result, workers started to band together and form labor unions.

#### **Section 9.1 Review**

5. Why do unions and union workers choose to strike? When union members are unhappy with the bargaining process, they may choose to strike. Workers may strike when bargaining reaches a stalemate. Unions may also use a strike to emphasize the importance of certain bargaining issues.

# Section 9.2 Workplace Environment

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#### **Objectives**

- **Explain** corporate culture in the workplace.
- **Describe** components of an effective workplace environment.

# Key Terms

- personal leave
- family leave
- flextime
- job sharing
- telecommuting

- work environment
- discrimination
- harassment
- ergonomics

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# **Essential Question**

# How do companies develop their corporate culture?

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- Corporate culture describes how the owners and employees of a company think, feel, and act as a business; organizational culture
- Includes social responsibility

- Options for work-life balance
  - Personal leave is a few days each year employees can use for personal reasons
  - Family leave is time off work for certain life events
  - Flextime is a policy allowing employees to adjust work schedules to better match personal schedules
  - Job sharing is an arrangement where two part-time employees handle the responsibilities of a single fulltime position
  - Telecommuting is an arrangement where employees work away from the business site

- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs states that needs
  motivate people to act
- Motivation/hygiene theory states that motivation factors and hygiene factors lead to employee satisfaction; two-factor theory
- Motivation factors: –Recognition
  - -Achievement
  - -Opportunity for growth
  - -Responsibility
  - -Meaningful work

- Hygiene factors: –Physical working conditions
  - –Job benefits
  - -Job security
  - –Status
  - -Interpersonal relations

- Effective employer/employee relationships are important to the success of an organization
  - Mutual respect
  - Mutual reliance
  - Openness
  - Gratitude
- *Diversity* is having people from different backgrounds, cultures, or demographics coming together in a group

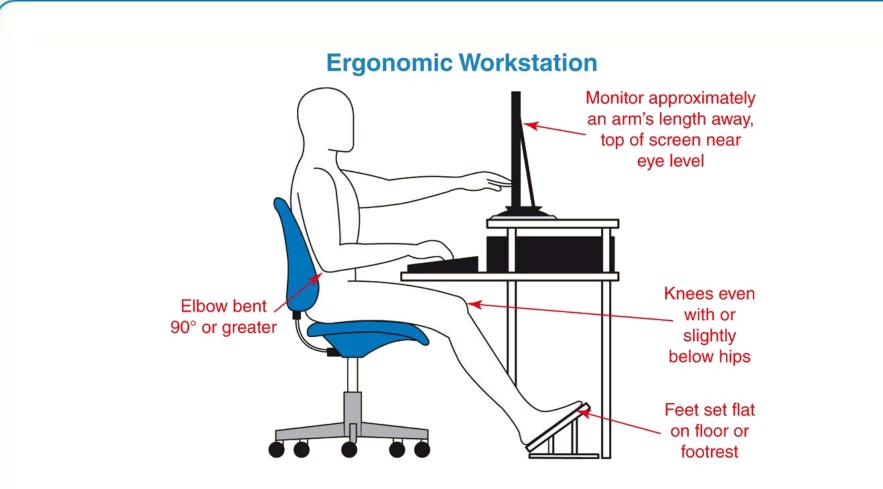
# **Work Environment**

- Work environment is the location, physical conditions, and emotional atmosphere in which employees work
- Many laws on the proper treatment of employees
  - Workplace discrimination occurs when an individual is treated unfairly because of his or her race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or age
  - Harassment is uninvited conduct toward a person based on his or her race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability

# **Work Environment**

- Work environment must be safe and promote employee health and well-being
  - The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) sets and enforces safety standards
  - *Emergency procedures* are series of actions to minimize risks during an emergency
  - Ergonomics is a science concerned with designing and arranging things people use so that they can interact efficiently and safely

### **Work Environment**



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#### **Section 9.2 Review**

1. List five examples of methods businesses can use to promote a healthy work-life balance.

Five ways an organization may offer a work-life balance are personal leave, family leave, flextime, job sharing, and telecommuting.

2. What are common characteristics of an effective employer/employee relationship?

The most common characteristics of effective employer/employee relationships are mutual respect, mutual reliance, openness, and gratitude.

#### **Section 9.2 Review**

3. How is workplace diversity achieved?

Workplace diversity is achieved by employing people without regard to gender, age, ethnicity, or racial background.

4. According to the EEOC, when does harassment become unlawful?

Harassment becomes unlawful when enduring offensive conduct becomes a condition of employment or conduct creates a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.

#### **Section 9.2 Review**

- 5. What are some ergonomic accessories that may improve the comfort of reading on a computer screen?
  - Ergonomic accessories that may improve the comfort of reading on a computer screen include wrist rests, specially designed chairs, and back supports.