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Processes Engineer

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## Processes Engineer in Battery Industry

A battery process engineer is responsible for designing, developing, and optimizing the manufacturing processes for batteries. They work with a team of engineers and scientists to create efficient and cost-effective manufacturing methods for electric vehicles, consumer electronics, and other applications. They are responsible for the development, implementation and optimization of the manufacturing process for battery cells, packs, and systems.

### ESCO Occupations - [ESCO - Occupations - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

| ID     | NAME             | Concept URI                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 2141.9 | process engineer | <a href="http://data.europa.eu/esco/occupation/b5eaf231-77ad-4a86-8e54-15cc4398aad2">http://data.europa.eu/esco/occupation/b5eaf231-77ad-4a86-8e54-15cc4398aad2</a> |

### Context

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| <b>Minimum EQF</b> | 6/7                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Value Chain</b> | Raw Materials and Processing<br>Cell and Components Manufacturing<br>Modules and Packs<br>Battery Integration<br>Operation<br>Second Life<br>Recycling              |
| <b>Departments</b> | Production and Maintenance<br>Logistics<br>Quality<br>Purchasing<br>HR<br>Finance<br>Sales<br>RnD<br>Construction<br>Intellectual/Legal<br>Recycling<br>Environment |

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|                        | IT/Digitalisation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Specialisations</b> | <p>Other job roles that are more specialised but based on this</p> <p>Cell Assembly Process Engineer</p> <p>Process &amp; Test Engineer - Battery Technology</p> <p>Battery Cell Conditioning Process Development Expert</p> <p>Process Engineer</p> <p>Process Engineer, Battery Discharge - Battery Recycling</p> <p>Process Engineer, Battery Dismantling</p> <p>Process Quality Engineer</p> <p>Quality Process Engineer</p> |

### Cross-sectoral Specific Competence

| Name                      | Type (S/K) | Description/Context                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Level  | ESCO                         |
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| Manufacturing Engineering | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conceptualize and develop new manufacturing methods and equipment to meet the needs of both internal and external customers.</li> <li>- Design and implement testing methods, establishing standards, and confirming manufacturing methods</li> <li>- Provide guidance and instruction to assembly and quality staff for all R&amp;D cell assembly activities</li> <li>- Keep equipment operational by coordinating maintenance and repair services</li> <li>- Research, commission, and validate new equipment or modify existing equipment to prototype new battery cell formats</li> <li>- Perform prototype builds for process and process equipment</li> </ul> | Expert | manufacturing and processing |
| Process Improvement       | S          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustain and improve process yield</li> <li>- Lead the improvement projects</li> <li>- Role entails driving large, innovative and challenging improvement projects</li> <li>- Use data and reports to develop and implement continuous improvement plan for capability, cost, and efficiency of existing techniques and equipment.</li> <li>- Analysis of errors that occur and development of suggestions for fault rectification and optimization measures</li> <li>- Identify process improvement areas</li> <li>- Define critical process parameters for optimisation</li> </ul>                                                                                 | Expert | identify process improvement |

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| Product Testing  | S | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Design and implement testing methods, establishing standards, and confirming manufacturing methods</li> <li>- test set-up and test execution</li> <li>- Localization and establishing contacts with potential service providers for testing battery cells</li> <li>- Assist in adjusting / updating machine settings and parameters for various product lines</li> <li>- testing of ongoing projects</li> <li>- support battery production activities of pilot and R&amp;D cell assembly lines by supervising, maintaining, and improving manufacturing equipment and methods</li> <li>- Evaluate process data to identify potential improvements and risks</li> </ul> | Expert | perform product testing |
| Analysis Methods | K | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create and maintain PFMEAs and control plans</li> <li>- Prepare Failure Mode Effect Analysis (FMEA)</li> <li>- Analysis of process and testing of ongoing projects</li> <li>- Analysis of errors that occur and development of suggestions for fault rectification and optimization measures</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Expert | analysis methods        |

### Sector Specific Competence

| Name                  | Type (S/K) | Description/Context                                                                                                                                                              | Level        | ESCO              |
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| Lithium-ion Chemistry | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge of Li-ion technology or battery technologies in general</li> <li>- Knowledge of each step of battery manufacturing</li> </ul> | Practitioner | battery chemistry |

### Soft Competence

| Name             | Type (S/K) | Description/Context                                                                                                                                                                | Level        | ESCO                           |
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| Teamwork         | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work in team within and across different departments</li> <li>- provide engineering support to other teams</li> </ul>                     | Practitioner | Teamwork                       |
| Adaptation       | S          | - adapt to the work environment, issues, and changes in organisation and on the market                                                                                             | Practitioner | Adapt to change                |
| Communication    | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work and communicate with external stakeholders</li> <li>- Communicate with team members and across different department teams</li> </ul> | Practitioner | Communication                  |
| Problem Solving/ | S          | - Problem solving skills                                                                                                                                                           | Practitioner | Problem solving & troubleshoot |

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| Troubleshooting |  |  |  |  |
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## General Transversal Competence

| Name                   | Type (S/K) | Description/Context                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Level        | ESCO                                           |
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| Documentation          | S          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use data and reports to develop and implement continuous improvement plan for capability, cost, and efficiency of existing techniques and equipment</li> <li>- facilitate both quality trainings and new product training with necessary training materials</li> </ul> | Practitioner | use technical documentation; observe documents |
| Customers/Stakeholders | S          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attend non-conformances meetings with customer and translate requirements into systems and procedures for LeM</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                               | Practitioner | communicate with customers                     |

## Academic Competence (can be taken from University programme)

| Name                   | Type (S/K) | Description/Context                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Level  | ESCO                   |
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| Electrochemistry       | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acquisition and project processing in the electrochemical and mechanical process technology of battery cell manufacturing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Expert | electrochemistry       |
| Mechanical Engineering | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist in adjusting / updating machine settings and parameters for various product lines</li> <li>- Acquisition and project processing in the electrochemical and mechanical process technology of battery cell manufacturing</li> <li>- Analysis of errors that occur and development of suggestions for fault rectification and optimization measures</li> <li>- focused on Mechanical &amp; Electrical Design</li> <li>- Conceptualize and develop new manufacturing methods and equipment</li> </ul> | Expert | mechanical engineering |
| Electrical Engineering | K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of new ideas on measurement technology and methodology for electrical, geometric and thermal test methods</li> <li>- establishing standards, and confirming manufacturing methods</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Expert | electrical engineering |