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# Occupations Chinese vocabulary list

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## Elementary (HSK 1-3)

### 医生 醫生
yīshēng doctor / medical practitioner

> 她是医生。
> Tā shì yīshēng.
> She is a doctor.

### 老师 老師
lǎoshī teacher

> 他是老师。
> Tā shì lǎoshī.
> He is a teacher.

### 学生 學生
xuésheng student / schoolchild

> 我是学生。
> Wǒ shì xuésheng.
> I am a student.

### 工作
gōngzuò to work / to operate / job / work / task

> 他们有工作。
> Tāmen yǒu gōngzuò.
> They have jobs.

### 司机 司機
sījī chauffeur / driver

> 他们都不是司机。
> Tāmen dōu bú shì sījī.
> None of them are drivers.

### 服务员 服務員
fúwùyuán waiter / waitress / attendant / customer service personnel

> 门口的服务员帮我开了门。
> Ménkǒu de fúwùyuán bāng wǒ kāile mén.
> The attendant at the door opened it for me.

### 经理 經理
jīnglǐ manager / director

> 他是经理吗?
> Tā shì jīnglǐ ma?
> Is he the manager?

### 画家 畫家
huàjiā painter

> 画家在公园里画画。
> Huàjiā zài gōngyuán lǐ huàhuà.
> The painter is painting in the park.

## Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

### 护士 護士
hùshi nurse

> 护士生病了。
> Hùshi shēngbìng le.
> The nurse is ill.

### 律师 律師
lǜshī lawyer

> 我要当律师。
> Wǒ yào dāng lǜshī.
> I want to be a lawyer.

### 警察
jǐngchá police / police officer

> 警察会来吗?
> Jǐngchá huì lái ma?
> Will the police come?

### 记者 記者
jìzhě reporter / journalist

> 你是个记者。
> Nǐ shì gè jìzhě.
> You're a reporter.

### 演员 演員
yǎnyuán actor / actress / performer

> 他们是演员。
> Tāmen shì yǎnyuán.
> They are actors.

### 职业 職業
zhíyè occupation / profession / vocation / professional

> 他的职业是医生。
> Tā de zhíyè shì yīshēng.
> He is a doctor by profession.

## 工人
gōngrén worker

> 工人拿不到基本工资。
> Gōngrén ná budào jīběn gōngzī.
> The workers didn't get their basic wage.

## 厨师 廚師
chúshī cook / chef

> 厨师在哪里?
> Chúshī zài nǎlǐ?
> Where's the cook?

## 作家
zuòjiā author

> 他想成为一名作家。
> Tā xiǎng chéngwéi yì míng zuòjiā.
> He wants to become a writer.

## 歌手
gēshǒu singer

> 你不是歌手。
> Nǐ bú shì gēshǒu.
> You're no singer.

## 导游 導遊
dǎoyóu tour guide / guidebook / to conduct a tour

> 我在东京做导游。
> Wǒ zài Dōngjīng zuò dǎoyóu.
> I'm a tour guide in Tokyo.

## 工资 工資
gōngzī wages / pay

> 我工资刚够花。
> Wǒ gōngzī gāng gòu huā.
> My wages are just enough for my spending.

## 教授
jiàoshòu professor
jiāoshòu to teach (a subject)

> 她是一名教授。
> Tā shì yì míng jiàoshòu.
> She's a professor.

## 理想
lǐxiǎng an ideal / a dream / ideal / perfect

> 他的理想非常高尚。
> Tā de lǐxiǎng fēicháng gāoshàng.
> His ideals are very lofty.

## 应聘 應聘
yìngpìn to accept a job offer / to apply for an advertised position

> 我明天去公司应聘。
> Wǒ míngtiān qù gōngsī yìngpìn.
> I'm going to the company tomorrow to apply for a job.

## 专业 專業
zhuānyè specialty / specialized field / main field of study (at university) / major / professional

> 那样很不专业。
> Nàyàng hěn bù zhuānyè.
> That was unprofessional.

## 翻译 翻譯
fānyì to translate / to interpret / translation / interpretation / translator / interpreter

> 我是个翻译。
> Wǒ shì gè fānyì.
> I'm a translator.

## 售票员 售票員
shòupiàoyuán ticket seller

> 售票员请大家往里走。
> Shòupiàoyuán qǐng dàjiā wǎng lǐ zǒu.
> The ticket seller asked everyone to move toward the back.

## 科学家 科學家
kēxuéjiā scientist

> 他想成为科学家。
> Tā xiǎng chéngwéi kēxuéjiā.
> He wants to be a scientist in the future.

## 程序员 程序員
chéngxùyuán programmer

> 那家公司想找程序员。
> Nà jiā gōngsī xiǎng zhǎo chéngxùyuán.
> That company wants to hire a programmer.

## 工程师 工程師
gōngchéngshī engineer

> 我是一名工程师。
> Wǒ shì yì míng gōngchéngshī.
> I'm an engineer.

## 秘书 秘書
mìshū secretary

> 秘书被炒了。
> Mìshū bèi chǎole.
> The secretary was dismissed.

## 农民 農民
nóngmín peasant / farmer

> 农民在田地里干活。
> Nóngmín zài tiándì lǐ gànhuó.
> The farmers are working in the fields.

## 辞职 辭職
cízhí to resign

> 你为什么辞职?
> Nǐ wèishénme cízhí?
> Why did you quit?

## 退休
tuìxiū to retire (from the workforce) / to go into retirement

> 她前年退休的。
> Tā qiánnián tuìxiū de.
> She retired the year before last.

## 失业 失業
shīyè unemployment / to lose one's job

> 数千人失业。
> Shù qiān rén shīyè.
> Thousands of people lost their jobs.

## 行业 行業

hángyè trade / profession / industry / business
xíngyè conduct and achievements / to observe Buddhist precepts and practise

> 你对餐饮行业有兴趣吗?
> Nǐ duì cānyǐn hángyè yǒu xìngqù ma?
> Are you interested in the food and beverage industry?

## 职工 職工

zhígōng employee / staff member / worker

> 老职工们都很熟悉这里。
> Lǎo zhígōngmen dōu hěn shúxī zhèlǐ.
> The longtime employees are all very familiar with this place.

## 商人

shāngrén merchant / businessman

> 我不相信商人。
> Wǒ bù xiāngxìn shāngrén.
> I don't trust businessmen.

## 设计师 設計師

shèjìshī designer / architect

## 主持人

zhǔchírén host / master of ceremonies / (TV or radio) presenter / anchor / (research project) principal investigator (PI) / program director

> 晚会的主持人是谁?
> Wǎnhuì de zhǔchírén shì shéi?
> Who is the host of the evening party?

## 导演 導演

dǎoyǎn to direct / director (film etc)

> 导演想在雪地里拍摄。
> Dǎoyǎn xiǎng zài xuědì lǐ pāishè.
> The director wants to shoot in the snow.

## 摄影师 攝影師

shèyǐngshī photographer / cinematographer / cameraman

## 公务员 公務員

gōngwùyuán civil servant / public servant

> 你想不想考公务员?
> Nǐ xiǎng bùxiǎng kǎo gōngwùyuán?
> Do you want to take the civil service exam?

## 就业 就業

jiùyè to get a job / employment

> 学生们都很关心就业问题。
> Xuéshengmen dōu hěn guānxīn jiùyè wèntí.
> The students all care a lot about the employment problem.

## 角色

juésè role / part (in a play or movie etc)

> 她演的角色很受欢迎。
> Tā yǎn de juésè hěn shòuhuānyíng.
> The character she plays is very popular.

## 前途

qiántú prospects / future outlook / journey

> 这份工作没有前途。
> Zhè fèn gōngzuò méiyǒu qiántú.
> This is a dead-end job.

## 职场 職場

zhíchǎng workplace / workforce (of a nation or industry etc) / job market

> 职场里女性越来越多了。
> Zhíchǎng lǐ nǚxìng yuèláiyuè duō le.
> There are more and more women in the workforce.

## 创业 創業

chuàngyè to begin an undertaking / to start an enterprise / entrepreneurship

> 你为什么想在这个城市创业?
> Nǐ wèishénme xiǎng zài zhège chéngshì chuàngyè?
> Why do you want to start a business in this city?

## 主任

zhǔrèn director / head

> 他是学校办公室的主任。
> Tā shì xuéxiào bàngōngshì de zhǔrèn.
> He is the head of the school office.

## 劳动 勞動

láodòng work / toil / physical labor

> 他不爱劳动。
> Tā bú ài láodòng.
> He is not one for hard work.

## 专家 專家

zhuānjiā expert / specialist

> 专家也不太清楚。
> Zhuānjiā yě bú tài qīngchu.
> Experts don't really know.

## 事业 事業

shìyè career / occupation / (charitable, political or revolutionary) cause / undertaking / project / activity / publicly funded institution, enterprise or foundation

> 他必须继承父亲的事业。
> Tā bìxū jìchéng fùqīn de shìyè.
> He must succeed to his father's business.

## 老板 老闆

lǎobǎn boss / proprietor / Robam (brand)

> 我不是老板。
> Wǒ bú shì lǎobǎn.
> I'm not the boss.

## 技能

jìnéng technical ability / skill

> 我想她肯定有其他技能。
> Wǒ xiǎng tā kěndìng yǒu qítā jìnéng.
> I'm sure she has other skills.

## 飞行员 飛行員

fēixíngyuán pilot / aviator

> 他们是飞行员。
> Tāmen shì fēixíngyuán.
> They are pilots.

## 保安
bǎo'ān to ensure public security / to ensure safety (for workers engaged in production) / public security / security guard / Bonan ethnic group

> 别麻烦保安了。
> Bié máfan Bǎo'ān le.
> Don't bother calling security.

## 各行各业 各行各業
gèhánggèyè every trade / all professions / all walks of life

> 网络已经影响到各行各业。
> Wǎngluò yǐjīng yǐngxiǎng dào gèhánggèyè.
> The internet has already affected every trade and profession.

## 乘务员 乘務員
chéngwùyuán attendant on an airplane, train, boat etc

> 她想当一名乘务员。
> Tā xiǎng dāng yì míng chéngwùyuán.
> She wants to become an attendant.

## 全职 全職
quánzhí full-time (job)

### Intermediate (HSK 4-6), part 2

## 消防员 消防員
xiāofángyuán firefighter / fireman

> 消防员很快扑灭了大火。
> Xiāofángyuán hěn kuài pūmièle dàhuǒ.
> The firefighters quickly put out the blaze.

## 会计 會計
kuàijì accountant / accountancy / accounting
huìjì to plan together / to deliberate in a group

> 你懂会计吗?
> Nǐ dǒng kuàijì ma?
> Do you know accounting?

## 军人 軍人
jūnrén serviceman / soldier / military personnel

> 军人必须履行他们的命令。
> Jūnrén bìxū lǚxíng tāmen de mìnglìng.
> Soldiers must carry out their orders.

## 职位 職位
zhíwèi position / post / job

> 我希望我没有得到职位。
> Wǒ xīwàng wǒ méiyǒu dédào zhíwèi.
> I wish that I hadn't taken the office.

## 自由职业 自由職業
zìyóuzhíyè liberal profession / profession practiced independently rather than as an employee

> 我姐姐辞职后做自由职业。
> Wǒ jiějie cízhí hòu zuò zìyóuzhíyè.
> After quitting her job, my sister went into freelance work.

## 职责 職責
zhízé duty / responsibility / obligation

> 她盡了自己的职责。
> Tā jǐn le zìjǐ de zhízé.
> She performed her duties.

## 岗位 崗位
gǎngwèi a post / a job

> 你适合什么样的工作岗位?
> Nǐ shìhé shénmeyàng de gōngzuò gǎngwèi?
> What kind of job position suits you?

## 职务 職務
zhíwù post / position / job / duties

> 他的职务是部门经理。
> Tā de zhíwù shì bùmén jīnglǐ.
> His post is department manager.

## 白领 白領
báilǐng white-collar / white-collar worker

> 你是白领，还是蓝领?
> Nǐ shì báilǐng, háishi lánlǐng?
> Are you a white-collar or a blue-collar worker?

## 蓝领 藍領
lánlǐng blue-collar / blue-collar worker

> 爸爸是蓝领，工作很累。
> Bàba shì lánlǐng, gōngzuò hěn lèi.
> My dad is a blue-collar worker, and his work is tiring.

## 编辑 編輯
biānjí to edit / to compile / editor / compiler

> 你不想做编辑?
> Nǐ bùxiǎng zuò biānjí?
> You don't want to be an editor?

## 官员 官員
guānyuán official (in an organization or government) / administrator

> 官员明天要来参观工厂。
> Guānyuán míngtiān yào lái cānguān gōngchǎng.
> An official is coming to visit the factory tomorrow.

## 师父 師父
shīfu used for 師傅|师傅 (in Taiwan) / master / qualified worker

> 师父今天教我做面条。
> Shīfu jīntiān jiāo wǒ zuò miàntiáo.
> My master is teaching me to make noodles today.

## 顾问 顧問
gùwèn adviser / consultant

> 老人是球队的顾问。
> Lǎorén shì qiúduì de gùwèn.
> The old man is an adviser to the team.

## 求职 求職
qiúzhí to seek employment

> 他最近在忙着求职。
> Tā zuìjìn zài mángzhe qiúzhí.
> He's been busy looking for a job lately.

## 助理
zhùlǐ assistant

> 老板让助理订了机票。
> Lǎobǎn ràng zhùlǐ dìngle jīpiào.
> The boss had his assistant book the plane tickets.

## 徒弟
túdì apprentice / disciple

> 师傅教徒弟做面条。
> Shīfu jiāo túdì zuò miàntiáo.
> The master is teaching his apprentice how to make noodles.

## 助手
zhùshǒu assistant / helper

> 助手拿了钱。
> Zhùshǒu nále qián.
> The assistant took the money.

## 职员 職員
zhíyuán office worker / staff member

> 我是个职员。
> Wǒ shì gè zhíyuán.
> I am an office worker.

## 兼职 兼職
jiānzhí to hold concurrent posts / concurrent job / moonlighting

> 找兼职有多简单?
> Zhǎo jiānzhí yǒu duō jiǎndān?
> How easy is it to find a part-time job?

## 艺人 藝人
yìrén entertainer / performing artist / artisan / craftsman

> 那位艺人在舞台上又唱又跳。
> Nà wèi yìrén zài wǔtái shàng yòu chàng yòu tiào.
> That entertainer sang and danced on the stage.

## 实习生 實習生
shíxíshēng intern (esp. a student in practical training)

> 医院来了几个新实习生。
> Yīyuàn láile jǐ ge xīn shíxísheng.
> A few new interns have arrived at the hospital.

### Advanced (HSK 7-9)

## 跳槽
tiàocáo to leave one's job to take up a position elsewhere

> 我同事想跳槽去大公司。
> Wǒ tóngshì xiǎng tiàocáo qù dà gōngsī.
> My coworker wants to switch jobs and join a big company.

## 晋升 晉升
jìnshēng to promote to a higher position

> 你什么时候能晋升?
> Nǐ shénme shíhou néng jìnshēng?
> When will you get promoted?

## 职称 職稱
zhíchēng one's professional position / title / job title

> 评职称需要发表几篇论文。
> Píng zhíchēng xūyào fābiǎo jǐ piān lùnwén.
> To be evaluated for a professional rank, you need to publish a few papers.

## 企业家 企業家
qǐyèjiā entrepreneur

> 他爸爸是有名的企业家。
> Tā bàba shì yǒumíng de qǐyèjiā.
> His father is a famous entrepreneur.

## 转行 轉行
zhuǎnháng to change profession

> 转行以后，她每天都很开心。
> Zhuǎnháng yǐhòu, tā měitiān dōu hěn kāixīn.
> Since changing careers, she has been happy every day.

## 外卖员 外賣員
wàimàiyuán food delivery person

> 外卖员把饭送到了门口。
> Wàimàiyuán bǎ fàn sòng dàole ménkǒu.
> The delivery worker brought the food to the door.

## 发言人 發言人
fāyánrén spokesperson

> 他是个迷人的发言人。
> Tā shì gè mírén de fāyánrén.
> He's a captivating speaker.

## 干部 幹部
gànbù cadre / official / officer / manager

> 干部为民办事，才有威信。
> Gànbù wèi mínbàn shì, cái yǒu wēixìn.
> Officials earn the people's respect only by working for them.

## 书记 書記
shūji secretary (chief official of a branch of a socialist or communist party) / clerk / scribe

> 书记说明年要修新路。
> Shūji shuōmíng nián yào xiū xīn lù.
> The Party secretary said a new road will be built next year.

## 任期
rènqī term of office / tenure (entire period in office)

> 市长的任期是五年。
> Shìzhǎng de rènqī shì wǔ nián.
> The mayor's term of office is five years.

## 候选人 候選人
hòuxuǎnrén candidate

> 候选人忙着拉拢选民。
> Hòuxuǎnrén mángzhe lālǒng xuǎnmín.
> The candidate is busy trying to win over voters.

## 司令
sīlìng commanding officer

> 他爷爷年轻时当过司令。
> Tā yéye niánqīng shí dāng guò sīlìng.
> His grandfather was a commander when he was young.

## 任职 任職
rènzhí to hold a post / to take office

> 你父亲以前在哪里任职?
> Nǐ fùqīn yǐqián zài nǎlǐ rènzhí?
> Where did your father hold his post before?

## 军官 軍官
jūnguān officer (military)

> 你长大以后想当军官吗?
> Nǐ zhǎngdà yǐhòu xiǎng dāng jūnguān ma?
> Do you want to become an officer when you grow up?

## 出任
chūrèn to take up a post / to start in a new job

> 她被邀请出任学校的新校长。
> Tā bèi yāoqǐng chūrèn xuéxiào de xīn xiàozhǎng.
> She was invited to become the school's new principal.

## 僧人
sēngrén monk

> 僧人每天早起打扫院子。
> Sēngrén měitiān zǎoqǐ dǎsǎo yuànzi.
> The monks get up early every day to sweep the courtyard.

## 出路
chūlù a way out (lit. and fig.) / opportunity for advancement / a way forward / outlet (for one's products)

> 那是唯一的出路。
> Nà shì wéiyī de chūlù.
> It was the only way to go.

## 公职 公職
gōngzhí civil service / public office / government job

> 他打算明年竞选公职。
> Tā dǎsuàn míngnián jìngxuǎn gōngzhí.
> He plans to run for public office next year.

## 在职 在職
zàizhí to be employed / to be in post / on-the-job

> 在职员工可以申请补贴吗?
> Zàizhí yuángōng kěyǐ shēnqǐng bǔtiē ma?
> Can current employees apply for the subsidy?

## 渔民 漁民
yúmín fisherman / fisher folk

> 渔民出海前，先拜龙王。
> Yúmín chūhǎi qián, xiān bài Lóngwáng.
> Before going out to sea, the fishermen first pay respects to the Dragon King.

## 退役
tuìyì (of military personnel or athletes) to retire / to be decommissioned

> 这架老飞机已经退役了。
> Zhè jià lǎo fēijī yǐjīng tuìyìle.
> This old airplane has already been decommissioned.

## 保姆
bǎomǔ nanny / babysitter / housekeeper

> 保姆带孩子去公园了。
> Bǎomǔ dài háizi qù gōngyuán le.
> The nanny took the children to the park.

## 木匠
mùjiàng carpenter

> 他是个好木匠。
> Tā shì gè hǎo mùjiàng.
> He is a good carpenter.

## 专职 專職
zhuānzhí special duty / assigned full time to a task

> 她现在是专职作家了。
> Tā xiànzài shì zhuānzhí zuòjiā le.
> She is a full-time writer now.

## 干事 幹事
gànshi administrator / executive secretary

> 她当上了协会的干事。
> Tā dāng shang le xiéhuì de gànshi.
> She became the executive secretary of the association.

## 谋生 謀生
móushēng to seek one's livelihood / to work to support oneself / to earn a living

> 他靠写作谋生。
> Tā kào xiězuò móushēng.
> He earns his bread as a writer.

## 就任
jiùrèn to take office / to assume a post

> 新市长明天正式就任。
> Xīn shìzhǎng míngtiān zhèngshì jiùrèn.
> The new mayor formally takes office tomorrow.

## 前程
qiánchéng future (career etc) prospects

> 别为一时冲动毁了前程。
> Bié wèi yìshí chōngdòng huǐle qiánchéng.
> Don't ruin your future over a moment of impulse.

## 就职 就職
jiùzhí to take office / to assume a post

> 新市长将在下个月一号就职。
> Xīn shìzhǎng jiāng zài xiàgeyuè yíhào jiùzhí.
> The new mayor will take office on the first of next month.

## 接班人
jiēbānrén successor

> 老板正在找一位合适的接班人。
> Lǎobǎn zhèngzài zhǎo yí wèi héshì de jiēbānrén.
> The boss is looking for a suitable successor.

## 农民工 農民工
nóngmíngōng migrant worker (who moved from a rural area of China to a city to find work)

> 我叔叔以前是农民工。
> Wǒ shūshu yǐqián shì nóngmíngōng.
> My uncle used to be a migrant worker.

## 裁缝 裁縫
cáiféng to make an item of clothing / to tailor
cáifeng tailor / dressmaker

> 外婆年轻时是裁缝。
> Wàipó niánqīng shí shì cáifeng.
> My grandmother was a tailor when she was young.

### Outside HSK

## 律师事务所 律師事務所
lǜshīshìwùsuǒ law firm

> 我姐姐在一家律师事务所上班。
> Wǒ jiějie zài yìjiā lǜshīshìwùsuǒ shàngbān.
> My older sister works at a law firm.

## 铁饭碗 鐵飯碗

tiěfànwǎn secure employment (lit. iron rice bowl)

> 她辞掉了铁饭碗，自己开店。
> Tā cídiàole tiěfànwǎn, zìjǐ kāidiàn.
> She quit her secure job to open her own shop.

## 猎头 獵頭

liètóu headhunting (executive recruitment) / headhunter (profession) / headhunting (tribal custom)

## 自由职业者 自由職業者

zìyóuzhíyèzhě self-employed professional / independent practitioner

> 这里有很多自由职业者。
> Zhèlǐ yǒu hěn duō zìyóuzhíyèzhě.
> There are a lot of freelancers here.