

Our Competency Framework

In this document, you'll find descriptions of the five competencies which form our Selection and Assessment Framework. These are underpinned by the Barclays Capabilities, which describe the skills our colleagues need to achieve our goal of becoming the 'Go-To' Bank.

You will be assessed against 3-5 of these competencies, and you'll be told before your interview which these are.

1. Leadership skills

Leads by example, builds strong relationships, motivates and inspires people. Takes accountability for own development and supports others through sharing knowledge and honest two-way feedback

What does this look like?

Capabilities	Behaviours
Developing others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides regular, constructive and objective feedback to colleagues to support their development.• Supports colleagues with their development by offering help and support.• Openly shares their knowledge, experience and expertise to support others' learning and development.• Invests time in developing own skills and capabilities to meet future business needs.
Enabling high performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agrees personal objectives that deliver a clear contribution to the team.• Embraces autonomy and uses initiative within agreed parameters to deliver own objectives, overcoming obstacles to achieve goals.• Delivers to a high standard, taking responsibility for own actions and outcomes.• Recognises both high and low performance in self and others, challenging team members in a constructive manner

2. Business skills

Applies analytical reasoning and judgement to solve problems, employing appropriate resources to drive continuous improvement and innovation. Makes informed transparent decisions and considers the broader implications. Takes ownership for decisions that impact your area.

What does this look like?

Capability	Behaviours
Driving continuous improvement and innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeks to improve results by applying review and improvement methodologies to their work.• Collaborates with colleagues both inside and outside the team to identify new and better ways of doing things.• Looks for small improvements as well as major developments to deliver on-going benefit to their role and their team.• Supports continuous improvement by putting forward practical, ethical and viable suggestions.
Defining and executing change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Willingly takes on board new or different ways of working.• Actively supports change and other initiatives by encouraging others to do so too.• Seeks a clear understanding of their role and the steps that need to be taken in order to deliver successful and sustainable change.• Understands the benefits and impact of change to ensure their contribution supports the success of new interventions.
Commercial decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates a broad understanding of how the bank operates and the metrics used to measure performance.• Analyses problems and evaluates options in a logical and systematic way.• Seeks the advice of stakeholders to better create clarity in complex situations, understand problems, evaluate options and make decisions.• Reprioritises own activities to respond to new information and changing requirements whilst staying focussed on results.• Considers the impact of their actions and decisions on key stakeholders, seeking to deliver a positive outcome for those involved.

3. Interpersonal skills

Effectively communicates and influences different audiences using suitable channels for achieving clear outcomes, consensus and conflict resolution.
Takes initiative to effectively partner and collaborate across the organisation and externally to drive performance

What does this look like?

Capabilities	Behaviours
Building self-insight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regularly reflects on own behaviour and has an accurate understanding of personal drivers, strengths and development areas.• Understands the impact of their own behaviour and actions on others.• Plays to strengths and works on weaker areas to maximise personal effectiveness.• Understands and adapts own behaviour to have a positive impact on others.
Building relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes positive relationships with colleagues based on trust and mutual respect.• Proactively develops relationships with colleagues both inside and outside their own team.• Invests time and effort in understanding others' perspectives and uses this to strengthen relationships.• Uses convincing arguments to influence others effectively.
Working collaboratively	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeks, values and integrates others' opinions and contributions.• Collaborates with colleagues to achieve shared objectives.• Understands own responsibilities and how they add value for their team and customers/clients.• Takes responsibility for their own role and objectives and supports others with theirs.

4. Control Environment

Proactively identifies and monitors risk. Takes accountability for mitigation by understanding risk drivers, escalation and careful adherence to the bank's policies, procedures and practices.

What does this look like?

Capabilities	Behaviours
Building an effective control environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understands the importance of risk and control to the bank and the framework within which it manages risk.• Understands and operates the processes and relevant risks and controls in their business areas effectively, and knows how their specific role fits into the broader business.• Understands personal responsibility for risk and control and seeks help if this is not clear.• Knows how to behave in a risk aware manner including what a risk event is, how to raise one and what to do if asked to do or witness something at odds with this.

5. Technical Skills

At Barclays we have a hugely diverse range of opportunities, and each unique role requires different skills. Part of your interview will be dedicated to the role specific skills you'll need.

Community Banking Only:

Within Community Banking, the technical skills questions could be aligned to any of the following:

Technical Capability	Behaviours
Digitally Savvy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An ability to bring the 'Digital Agenda' alive for customers and colleagues to make their lives easier and maximise the opportunities that exist in a digital world where a library of information is just a click away
Customer Obsessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every Interaction is focused on the customers agenda ensuring we use our skills and knowledge to understand their circumstances in order to provide them with consistent market leading service
Planning and Organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The foundation of all competencies, building structure into your day to ensure you can give the best possible service to our customers