**Introduction to Occupational Schemes**

**Fact Finding**

**Answers**

1. The CPI is what is used to measure these average changes in prices over time that consumers pay for goods and services. Essentially, the index attempts to quantify the aggregate price level in an economy and thus measure the purchasing power of a country's unit of currency. The weighted average of the prices of goods and services that approximates an individual's consumption patterns is used to calculate CPI.

The following groups are included in the calculation of CPI in 2021:

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| 1 | Food & non-alcoholic beverages |
| 2 | Alcohol & tobacco |
| 3 | Clothing & footwear |
| 4 | Housing & household services |
| 5 | Furniture & household goods |
| 6 | Health |
| 7 | Transport |
| 8 | Communication |
| 9 | Recreation & culture |
| 10 | Education |
| 11 | Restaurants & hotels |
| 12 | Miscellaneous goods & services |

1. They are used in many ways by individuals, government, businesses and academics. Inflation statistics impact on everyone in some way as they affect interest rates, tax allowances, benefits, pensions, savings rates, maintenance contracts and many other payments.