#### Becoming a Preferred Graduate in Textiles and Clothing



Are you the one?

Preferred Graduate Checklist + Reflective Note = Your Story of Becoming a Preferred Graduate

#### Your Story of Becoming a Preferred Graduate

Monitoring your development and reflecting on your experience help you become better. The checklists and templates in this document are specially designed to help you monitor and reflect on your status as a preferred graduate.

#### How?

- 1. Use the *preferred graduate checklist* to check your status as a preferred graduate at regular intervals (e.g. every year / semester)
- 2. *Reflect* the guidelines in the reflection templates will help you and write down your reflections, thoughts, ideas, plans...

Write your story,

Live your story!



#### **Preferred Graduate Checklist**



What is a Preferred Graduate in the Institute of Textiles and Clothing? See table below. Why are the qualities of a Preferred Graduate important? Read the first column carefully.

Nature of the Industry and Textile Profession	Qualities of the preferred graduates from the discipline	How far am I from being a Preferred Graduate?	
		'How much water would there be in your bucket?' A B C D E	
As a graduate of ITC, you may take up the position of a merchandiser, product developer or quality controller/ manager, who needs to provide services in various processes such as material selection, consumer requirements, quality evaluation and control, cost, manufacturing technologies, trade regulations, fashion trend, etc. You will implement schemes that integrate people, materials, information, technologies and business knowledge	Have knowledge of fibers, yarns and fabrics, manufacturing processes and technologies, information technology, materials, products, design, management and accountancy, etc.	A B C D E Circle one. A B C D E	1
In providing services, merchandisers, product developers and quality controllers/managers must be able to communicate well with manufacturing, design and business personnel both at junior and senior levels	Have strong communication skills in oral, written, graphics and numerical forms	АВСDЕ	2
	Have strong interpersonal skills		
As a merchandiser, you need to work collaboratively with other parties, share with them your ideas and perspectives which may be different from theirs.	Able to be flexible	АВСDЕ	3
Merchandisers are about understanding, sourcing, developing materials, products and their design as well as monitoring quality. Products designed by designers, made by factories are to be accepted by consumers. Therefore, professionals in the field need to be actively formulating problems, devising and implementing strategies to resolve such problems.	Have strong observation skills to detect problems and recognize where improvements can be made	ABCDE	4

Nature of the Industry and Textile Profession	Qualities of the preferred graduates from the discipline	How far am I from being a Preferred Graduate?	
Merchandisers, product developers, quality controllers and managers in this discipline often have to make decisions based on incomplete information due to time, materials, personnel and financial constraints	Have strong problem solving skills to solve problems in actual practice	АВСDЕ	5
When facing a problem, merchandisers and product developers, quality controllers need to make a critical assessment of the situation and seek necessary information from people, journal papers, internet and databases in organizations before deciding on the best possible solution	Able to make decision, often based on incomplete information	ABCDE	6
When facing a problem, merchandisers and product developers, quality controllers need to make critical assessments of the	Open-minded	ABCDE	7
situation and seek necessary information such as from people, journals, internet and databases before deciding on the best possible solution	Have creativity, critical thinking and analytical skills	АВСDЕ	8
Merchandisers and product developers, quality controllers may need to manage a small team of staff	Able to be a leader and a team player	АВСDЕ	9
Merchandisers and product developers, quality controllers need to acquire constantly the most up-to-date knowledge with regard to fiber, yarn and fabric manufacturing technologies and product functions. Continuous Professional Development is very important to them	Able to overcome resistance to change	ABCDE	10
	Have independent and life- long learning skills	АВСDЕ	11
Merchandisers, product developers, quality controllers need to recognize the advantages and limitations associated with the fact that organizations today operate in an international environment	Able to see both the positive and negative sides of a situation	АВСDЕ	12
	Have a social and global outlook	АВСDЕ	13
Merchandisers, product developers, quality controllers must observe the ethical standards of the profession	Be responsible for the actions taken	АВСДЕ	14



#### Your first time ... with the preferred graduate checklist

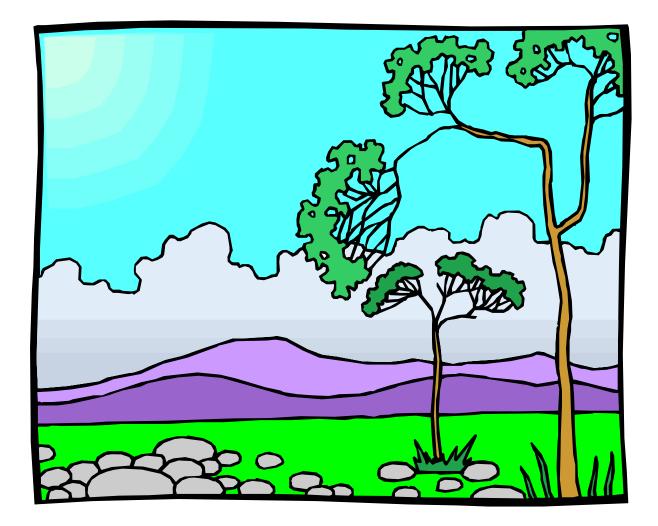
Now that you have completed the preferred graduate checklist for the first time, what have you learnt about your discipline? What have you learnt about *yourself* as a future professional in that discipline? How prepared are you? What do you need to work on? How...

- 1) Assess your status as a preferred graduate by completing the preferred graduate checklist.
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Today is \_\_\_\_\_

Q Is being a professional in your field like what you have expected?
Q What qualities do you need? What qualities do you have?
Q How do you plan to develop the qualities you need?



# One year has gone ... How far have you gone?

It has been some times since you last completed a preferred graduate checklist, how far have you progressed since then? What qualities have you developed or need to develop? What new goals will you set for the coming year?

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Today is \_\_\_\_\_

- @ Have you achieved the goals that you set last time?
  @ Are the strategies that you have used to develop relevant qualities effective?
  @ What do you need to work further on?



### The time is coming closer... Let's give it the finishing touch

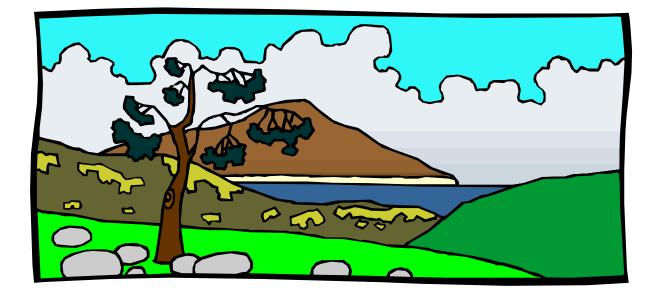
You are now only one year from your becoming a professional, how far left do you have to go? What steps do you need to take to get there (in terms of competence rather than qualification)? What would be your focuses this year?

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- What qualities remained to be developed?
  What learning difficulties have you encountered? How could they be overcome?
  How would you plan this year in relation to your career development?



### Finale ... Are you ready?

At last, you are here, up on a hill looking at the prospect that lies in front of you, seeing all the challenges and opportunities. After all these years, what have you learnt about yourself? Are you ready?

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Today is \_\_\_\_\_

- What do you know about your strengths and weaknesses?
  How well do you know yourself as a learner, a professional, and a person?
  What will you bring with you from your university life into your working life?