

Equality statement 2022 – Centric Finance Professionals AS

Part 1: State of gender equality (se attachment nr.1)

Gender balance and age

In 2022, Centric Finance Professionals had a total of 67 employees. There is a predominance of female employees (72%), 28% being male. Most of these employees work within accounting, which has a female dominated labor market, with 74,2% ([Likestilling | Utdanning.no](#)). Thus, our gender distribution mirrors the labor market.

Job levels and salaries

For the calculation of salary differences, we have divided fixed salary (hourly salary), overtime, bonus, and any other benefits for the financial year 2022. Regarding the design of job levels, we have chosen to divide the employees only by job category. We do not yet have a system for job levels that makes sense to us as a staffing agency. Our employees are hired in various assignments, and their role description and level are determined by the customers' way of organizing their employees. Thus, employees have been divided according to the job category they have in our salary system, which has a background in both education and experience. Examples of categories are "regnskapsmedarbeider", "arkivmedarbeider and "lønnsmedarbeider".

Temporary staff

In Centric Finance Professionals, 58% of the employed women were temporary employees in 2022, while 55% of the male employees were temporary employees. This is a decrease with almost 20% compared to 2021.

We have several employees who themselves want temporary employment. Reasons for this can be to keep their flexibility and be able work multiple jobs, have time off between assignments etc. We also hire temporarily if the candidate can only work within a given geographical area, within a specific time frame or covers a role that is not within our core business.

The overall goal is still to reduce temporary staff, our aim for 2022 was to see a decrease with no more than 50% of temporary employees.

Part-time work and involuntary part-time work

2,1% of the employed women in CFP are working part-time, and none of the employed men are part-time workers. This is by their own request, or by the request of our customer. As our business relies on our employees we offer our customers, we of course want as many of them working full-time. Therefore, if the employee wishes to work full-time and we have an open vacancy that fits their background, they will be presented as a candidate to the given customer.

Differences in salaries – development and causes

We are a staffing company and follow the working environment law. Here, we are obliged to ensure that our customers follow the principle of equal treatment/ Likebehandlingsprinsippet

(Arbeidsmiljøloven § 14 - 12 a), and in accordance with this, among other things, ensure that our employees are given the same salary as they would have as direct employees of the customer. We do see a wage difference between genders within the job category “regnskapsmedarbeider”, where the female employees get paid around 18,5% more than their male colleagues. As we have not divided our employees into levels, it is hard to say if the wage difference is caused by a difference in gender or a difference in level (given by experience, education etc.). These statistics are also calculated with only three employees included in the given job category. Regardless, this gives us an idea of why it is important to divide our employees into levels in the future, as to better be able to compare them.

Part 2: Our work for equality and against discrimination

Principles, procedures, and standards for equality and against discrimination

- Considerations of equality and non-discrimination are included in our personnel policy, as well as described in the company's ethical guidelines. These follow from our membership in the industry association “Staffing and Recruitment” in NHO Service og Handel.
- The company has a notification system via the intranet Wiki/Sharepoint for internal employees. For external employees, notification is made via the safety representative/employee representative and is described in the personnel handbook.

This is how we work to ensure equality and non-discrimination in practice

- The people involved in our equality work are the HR department, employee representatives, and representatives from the management.
- In 2023, there will be AMU-meetings every second month with representatives from HR, management, and employees, where various topics and activities will be discussed and evaluated.
- We talk to our consultants about diversity and equality in our 1:1 meetings to ensure that they are aware of this when they work with our customers.
- We use the system Peakon to conduct employee surveys throughout the year, analyzing these and plan activities based on the survey result trends.

Investigation of discrimination risk and barriers for gender equality

- HR, with input from the employee representative, have reviewed all the company's guidelines in the various personnel policy areas. The review was conducted in the last quarter of 2022.
- It is not possible to map physical conditions in accordance with the work to facilitate for the people with various disabilities, as this is customer-specific. This must be evaluated for each assignment and each customer.
- An internal audit of HR procedures was carried out, as well as an annual audit (by an external party) of the company's quality system in 2021, where all procedures and guidelines were reviewed. During 2022 we have continued to work with these tasks.
- HR and payroll completed the mapping of gender equality in the last quarter of 2022.

We discovered the following risks of discrimination and obstacles to equality

- There is currently little specific continuous work within gender equality and discrimination towards our consultants.
- Although we have general ethical guidelines against harassment and discrimination, they are rarely updated, and few are aware of them. This also applies to notification routines within these areas.

Measures we are planning in the coming year

- A plan will be set up for continuous work regarding gender equality and discrimination throughout the year 2023 (in accordance with the requirements for the gender equality report).
- We will update our guidelines regarding harassment, discrimination, and gender equality within the company. These will be made well known throughout the company, in addition to our routines on how to report incidents that might take place.
- Continue the work related to Peakon, analyzing the results we have gathered, plan activities based on these, plan new surveys, topics and frequency of dispatchment.
- In general, we want to increase the competence of the AMU-group, management and HR about work against discrimination and for equality. HR is responsible for finding courses for this, which will be carried out during the spring of spring of 2023.

Results of the work and expectations for the work ahead

- During 2022 we have had a course in interview technique and a course in labor law for all internal employees in Centric Finance AS.
- In the coming year, we will focus on establishing a good meeting routine for the group, write out an action plan with concrete measures and dedicated people in charge.
- We have introduced a routine in 1:1 conversations with employees that deals with the topic of discrimination / equality, as this can often be difficult for us to keep track of when incidents occur in our customers' facilities.