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Unlocking The Secrets of Successful Employee Onboarding: Essential Insights and Practical Strategies

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Abstract: Throughout the article we reviewed the present literature on successful onboarding to identify determinants, measurement models, and outcomes associated with its success, ultimately offering pragmatic implementation techniques for companies to attain successful onboarding outcomes. We have applied a systematic approach to analyze relevant articles, categorizing determinants, measurement models, and outcomes into various classifications founded on their presence throughout the literature. Key findings include the identification of eleven determinants, four measurement mechanisms, and nine outcomes associated with successful onboarding. Integration of these factors provides organizations with practical strategies to enhance successful employee onboarding. This research enhances the current body of literature by synthesizing key determinants, measurement models, and outcomes associated with successful onboarding, offering a comprehensive framework for organizations to improve their onboarding processes.

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1. Introduction

The onboarding process is essential for new employees to assimilate into organizations and provide the groundwork for their future success. Onboarding, often termed organizational socialization or employee induction, encompasses a many actions and processes aimed at facilitating the adaptation of new employees to their roles, teams, and company culture (Bauer & Erdogan, 2010). Organizations may enhance the onboarding process and increase employee productivity and retention by comprehending the elements, assessments, and results of effective onboarding and formulating customized solutions (Bauer & Erdogan, 2010; Gruman & Saks, 2011; Simon et al., 2019).

Effective employee orientation enhances employee satisfaction and engagement, hence contributing to the organization's efficiency and competitiveness in the marketplace. (Brown L., 2021; Morrison-Smith & Ruiz, 2020). Therefore, it is imperative for companies pursuing sustainable growth and success to implement comprehensive onboarding strategies (Saks & Gruman, 2014; Bauer & Bauer & Erdogan, 2010; Brown L., 2021; Cable et al., 2013; Morrison-Smith & Ruiz, 2020; Saks et al., 2007).

Diverse terminology and concepts are employed to clarify the process of onboarding, although they all share the common goal of facilitating the seamless integration of new employees into the organization. Comprehending these diverse perspectives enables organizations to develop inclusive onboarding strategies that consider the social, cultural, and practical aspects of integrating new employees. As more and more papers request a review for a thorough examination of the onboarding process and its effectiveness our research gap is derived from the need for more detailed studies that thoroughly explore the onboarding process, its effectiveness, and its impact on organizational outcomes. The goal of this article is to review the available literature on the onboarding process to discover the determinants that contribute to a successful onboarding process, how it is measured, and what is its impact on the organization. This is an opportunity to delve deeper into the determinants, measurements, and outcomes of successful onboarding to provide valuable insights for both academia and organizational practice.

The article is organized as follows: Section 2 depicts the available literature on the onboarding process; Section 3 presents the research methodology including data and sample, variables, and the analysis; Section 4 depicts the results, including determinants of the onboarding process, measurements and outcomes, while Section 6 details the discussions, conclusions and future research.

2. Literature review

Onboarding has recently attracted significant interest in both scholarly literature and organizational practices. Research has investigated multiple facets of onboarding, including its definition, theoretical frameworks, influencing factors, metrics, outcomes, and practical implications. (Bauer & Erdogan, 2010; Cable et al., 2013; Gruman & Saks, 2011; Morrison-Smith & Ruiz, 2020; G. G. Sharma & Stol, 2020). Onboarding encompasses several actions and processes aimed at facilitating the adaptation of new employees to their roles, teams, and organizational culture. (Bauer & Erdogan, 2014).

2.1. Meanings and Conceptual Frameworks

Numerous notions in academic literature describe the process of integrating new employees into organizations. The most common term is known as employee onboarding and it is defined as the process of acclimating newly hired employees to the organization, its ideals, and their specific roles and duties. (Bauer, 2010; Bauer & Erdogan, 2010; Cable et al., 2013; C. Caldwell & Peters, 2018; DR Pranita Sonar, 2021; Heimburger et al., 2020; Klein et al., 2015; Shufutinsky A. Cox R., 2019). The goal is to supply new workers with essential knowledge necessary information and resources to succesfully adjust to their new workplace (Stratone et al., 2022).

Other researchers indicate the process of assimilating new employees into a company as organizational socialization, highlighting the importance of integrating newcomers into the company's social structure by facilitating the establishment of relationships with colleagues and comprehension of informal practices and networks within the organization. (Bauer et al., 2007; Cooper-Thomas & Anderson, 2006; Gupta et al., 2022; Kowtha, 2018; Maanen & Schein, 1977; Perrot et al., 2014; Schein E.H., 1968). Bauer and Erdogan (2011) characterise organizational socialization as "the process through which individuals gain the social knowledge and skills needed to take on a role within an organization." This process typically encompasses orientation programs, mentorship, socialization tactics, and role modeling to aid new workers in understanding and acclimating to their new work environment. Orientation, a term often used interchangeably with onboarding, is particularly prevalent when it comes to acclimating new employees to the company's structure, policies, benefits, and amenities. (Bauer et al., 2019; Bauer & Erdogan, 2014) .

It generally encompasses formal presentations, tours, and introductory meetings with essential staff members. (Wanous & Reichers, 2000; Zung, 2020). It denotes the formal technique of acclimating new employees to the organization, its policies, protocols, and work environment. It often encompasses measures designed to assist newcomers in acclimating to their roles and environment, including orientation programs, training sessions, and mentorship opportunities (Wanous & Reichers, 2000). The term assimilation frequently refers to the process by which new individuals integrate into the existing organizational structure and social networks. This perspective underscores the importance of social interactions and relationships in facilitating the newcomer's adaptation and sense of inclusion within the organization (Saks et al., 2007).

Onboarding, also known as induction, encompasses the processes designed to acclimate new employees to the organization, safety protocols, employment conditions, and the specific functions of their respective section or department(Gherardi and Perrotta, 2010; Skeats J., 1991). Hazing is another word describing the process of onboarding in literature. While not an officially sanctioned name for onboarding, it denotes the initiation ceremonies or activities that specific groups do to assimilate new members(Mawritz et al., 2022; Sweet et al., 2023). Although hazing is frequently linked to adverse implications and is seldom endorsed in professional environments, it offers valuable understanding of the social dynamics and hierarchies present in diverse organizational cultures (Mawritz et al., 2022; Sweet et al., 2023).

2.2. The fragmentation of the literature concerning the onboarding field

Scholars from several disciplines, such as human resources, psychology, and management, are progressively investigating the factors, metrics, and effects of effective onboarding procedures. Human resources professionals enhance corporate procedures and policies that promote effective onboarding (Saks et al., 2007). Psychologists provide insights on individual behaviors, motivations, and cognitive processes that affect onboarding results (Bauer et al., 2007). Management experts contribute by examining leadership techniques, corporate culture, and structural elements that influence the onboarding process (Allen T. & Tammy D., 2015). This interdisciplinary approach deepens our comprehension of the complexity of onboarding and provides extensive insights for both practitioners and scholars.

The growing interest in examining the causes, metrics, and effects of onboarding procedures across diverse domains can be ascribed to multiple sources. Organizations acknowledge the vital importance of good onboarding in employee retention, engagement, and performance (Bauer, 2010). Consequently, there is an increasing demand for evidence-based techniques and strategies to enhance the onboarding experience. Furthermore, progress in research methodology and data analytics has permitted academics to explore the intricacies of onboarding and its results (Allen T. & Tammy D., 2015).

This interdisciplinary approach facilitates a thorough comprehension of onboarding processes and their implications, leading to improved practices and outcomes inside organizations. The recognition of diverse backgrounds and perspectives from many disciplines in onboarding research has fostered collaboration and knowledge exchange among scholars, hence encouraging further interest and investigation in this area (Bauer & Erdogan, 2010). Overall, the combination of these factors has led to heightened focus and research efforts regarding the causes, metrics, and effects of onboarding. Our research synthesizes essential factors, metrics, and outcomes derived from previous literature to establish a comprehensive framework for effective onboarding. We provide a distinctive contribution that integrates theoretical ideas with practical execution tactics by synthesizing information from many sources.

3. Methodology

3.1. Research methodology

The selected research methodology involves a review of the current literature on effective onboarding to identify the determinants, measurement models, and outcomes linked to its success, ultimately providing practical implementation strategies for organizations to attain successful onboarding results. In November 2023, we executed an extensive search utilizing pairs of designated keywords. We conducted a search in the Web of Science (WoS) database to obtain pertinent literature concerning onboarding and organizational socialization. The utilized word pairings encompassed “onboarding success” in conjunction with “measurement”, “determinant”, and “impact” as well as “onboarding” paired with “employee”. Furthermore, we investigated “organizational socialization” in conjunction with “measurement,” “determinant,” “impact,” and “induction

success," utilizing the identical variants. The outcomes for each word pair were diverse. The combination of "onboarding" and "employee" yielded 51 articles, signifying a considerable body of literature on the subject. The combination of "onboarding success" with "measurement," "determinant," and "impact" yielded no results, indicating a deficiency in the literature concerning the measurement, determinants, and affects directly associated with onboarding success. The combination of "organizational socialization" and "impact" yielded the greatest number of articles, totaling 191 hits. This signifies a substantial body of research examining the effects of organizational socialization on diverse outcomes. The combination of "organizational socialization" with "determinant" resulted in 31 papers, whilst "measurement" gave 28 articles, indicating a notable emphasis on identifying determinants and creating measurement instruments for organizational socialization. Finally, the combination of "induction success" with "impact," "determinant," and "measurement" yielded a moderate quantity of papers, suggesting a degree of scholarly interest in evaluating the success elements and consequences of induction programs. Refer to the summary table provided below:

Table 1. Word pair search on the onboarding process

Word pair search	Source: WOS
"onboarding success" "measurement"	0
"onboarding success" "determinant"	0
"onboarding success" "impact"	0
"onboarding" "employee"	51
"organizational socialization" "measurement"	28
"organizational socialization" "determinant"	31
"organizational socialization" "impact"	191
"induction success" "measurement"	18
"induction success" "determinant"	2
"induction success" "impact"	15

Source: Author's own compilation

During our selection procedure, we evaluated the abstracts of papers obtained from the initial search to assess their relevance to our topic. We preserved articles if their abstracts included any of the following terms: "determinants of successful onboarding," "measurement of successful onboarding," or "outcomes of successful onboarding." We deemed an article pertinent to our study objectives and included it in our analysis if its abstract contained at least one of these terms.

Upon examining the abstracts, we identified 336 publications from our search. Of these, 76 publications satisfied our inclusion criteria, corresponding with our objective of investigating the factors, measurement, and outcomes related to effective onboarding procedures. We have meticulously examined these 76 publications to obtain pertinent ideas and findings for our research. Additionally, referencing the

articles, we have explored six other papers. Utilizing this method for selection and analysis, we guaranteed that the papers incorporated in our study were pertinent to our research objectives, therefore augmenting the validity and rigor of our conclusions.

4. Results

A greater number of research investigate the factors influencing effective onboarding, whereas less examine its success metrics. Moreover, there is an increased volume of research examining the results of effective onboarding.

4.1 Determinants

The determinants outlined in the articles were classified into eleven unique groups (refer to Table 2) according to their prevalence in the literature. The categories encompass work relations, as evidenced in 34 articles, highlighting the significance of cultivating strong workplace relationships. The second driver was the content and structure of the onboarding process (support, training, feedback, and well-being) identified in 29 papers, underscoring the essential significance of thorough onboarding in enabling effective transitions.

The third variable highlighted the presence of a codified onboarding process and feedback, identified in 27 papers, emphasizing the need of structured onboarding procedures and efficient feedback channels. Job formulation, clarity, qualities, employee value, and significance Work constitutes the fourth group of determinants highlighted by 24 papers, emphasizing the significance of well-defined professional responsibilities and impactful work experiences. The fifth category, pertaining to culture-related aspects, was identified in 24 papers, highlighting the impact of organizational culture on the onboarding experience.

The sixth group of factors, personal attributes, was identified in 24 papers, emphasizing the significance of individual traits and characteristics in effective onboarding. Additionally, the seventh category of factors was the function of the mentor, as indicated in 23 papers, highlighting the significance of mentorship in aiding new employees. The eighth category, HR Policies, appeared in 11 stories, underscoring the importance of human resources policies in influencing the onboarding process.

The subsequent category encompasses technology, location, and equipment, as well as the online work environment, identified in seven articles, emphasizing the influence of technology and work environment on onboarding. The tenth category includes supplementary or enhanced benefits, detailed in five articles, emphasizing the significance of offering additional advantages such as social support and professional growth chances. The category of workers' representation structures was featured in two articles, highlighting their significance in advocating for the interests of new employees. The table below encapsulates all the categories:

Table 2. Determinants of the onboarding process

	Determinant	No. of articles the determinant was found in
1	Work Relations/Connection	34
2	Onboarding Process (support, training, feedback & wellbeing)	29
3	Formalized/Structured Onboarding Process & Feedback	27
4	Job Formulation & Clarity/Attributes /Employee Value & Meaningful Work	24
5	Culture-Related Factors	24
6	Personal Attributes	24
7	Role of Mentor	23
8	HR Policies	11
9	Technology, Location & Equipment, and Online Work Environment	7
10	Additional/Extended Benefits	5
11	Workers' Representative Structures	2

Source: Author's own compilation

By categorizing these drivers, we identified common patterns and elements that contribute to successful onboarding across various organizational environments. This systematic method offers significant insights into the diverse elements of effective onboarding procedures and suggests enhancements for the onboarding process of new workers.

4.2 Measurements

We have identified seven distinct approaches for assessing onboarding success present in the papers (B. G. Caldwell & Caldwell, 2016; Hartanto Ferdiana Pratiwi et al., 2018; Haueter et al., 2003; Mawritz et al., 2022; Saks et al., 2007; Song et al., 2015; Spagnoli et al., 2018; Xu et al., 2019) Furthermore, we incorporated measurements cited in references, as these frameworks are extensively acknowledged and deemed vital contributions to the discipline. (Allen T. & Tammy D., 2015; Bauer & Erdogan, 2010; Cable et al., 2013; Chao, 1997; Gruman & Saks, 2011; G. G. Sharma & Stol, 2020). This measurement encompasses multiple facets of evaluating onboarding success, including employee engagement, job satisfaction, performance results, retention rates, organizational commitment, cultural integration, and socialization efficacy. (Cooper-Thomas & Anderson, 2006; Ellis et al., 2017; G. G. J. of S. and S. Sharma & Stol, 2020).

The onboarding process by Hartanto Ferdiana Pratiwi et al., (2018) evaluates five dimensions: compliance, connection, culture, clarification, and compliance clarification culture connection (CCCC). Compliance guarantees conformity to legislation and corporate policies, whereas connection promotes integration. Culture conveys organizational values, whereas definition ensures role specificity. CCCC underscores the importance of effectively introducing and clarifying compliance, culture, and connectivity (Hartanto Ferdiana Pratiwi et al., 2018; Nifadkar & Bauer, (2016).

The measurement framework described by (C. Caldwell & Peters, 2018) includes a ten-step model for successful onboarding, highlighting how each stage enhances the organization's ability to fulfill the ethical and psychological contract obligations of employees In (Spagnoli et al., 2018) the newcomer socialization questionnaire (NSQ) by (Haueter et al., 2003) is employed to assess organizational socialization at multiple levels. The research validates the questionnaire's framework, analyzes the consistency of replies across newcomers and full members, links scores with outcomes such as job satisfaction, and evaluates stability across several subscales. Haueter et al., (2003) validated the assessment of newcomer socialization across three dimensions: group, job/task, and organization. The group component evaluates integration within the workgroup, comprehension of group dynamics, and interpersonal interactions with coworkers. The work/task dimension assesses the clarity of employment positions, related tasks, required abilities, and performance expectations. Finally, the organizational component evaluates comprehension of the overarching organizational context, encompassing culture, values, norms, and history. In their paper Saks et al. (2007) assert that utilizing the complete scale created by Jones for assessing socialization strategies is more beneficial than employing altered versions. (Saks, 2007), while Mawritz (2022) employs a five-dimensional workplace hazing scale (WHS) which encompasses the analysis of segregation and the appraisal of task-related hazing (Mawritz et al., 2022)).

Song (2015) presents an alternative model indicating that newcomer core self-evaluations (CSE) regulate the impact of organizational socialization strategies (OST) on job satisfaction and work engagement. (Song et al., 2015). In subsequent models, employee psychological capital mediates the relationship between organizational socialization and work engagement, whereas leader psychological capital moderates both the connection between organizational socialization and work engagement and the association between employee psychological capital and work engagement. (Xu et al., 2019).

Assessing onboarding efficacy is essential for firms aiming to enhance new employee assimilation and overall performance. Alongside these data, we have examined supplementary literature, as referenced in these texts, where scholars propose various strategies for effective onboarding. One proposed method of assessment involves employee engagement questionnaires to evaluate the participation of new hires in their positions and the business. (Bauer & Erdogan, 2010). Retention rates serve as a metric that offers insights into employee retention following the onboarding process (Gruman & Saks, 2011). Performance measures, such as productivity and target attainment, provide insights into the influence of employee performance (Bauer, 2010). Cable et al (2013) present a methodology for assessing onboarding programs through feedback, which highlights

opportunities for enhancement (Cable et al., 2013). Bauer (2010 proposes a cultural integration assessment to evaluate the assimilation of new personnel into the company culture. (Bauer, 2010). Evaluations of mentorship programs illuminate its significance in the integration of new employees (Allen T. & Tammy D., 2015). Chao (1997) presents frameworks that encompass organizational commitment, job satisfaction, and role clarity as essential criteria. Sharma and Stoll's paradigm similarly highlights job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and performance outcomes (G. G. Sharma & Stol, 2020). These strategies collectively empower firms to improve onboarding procedures and attain favorable results.

The approaches for assessing successful onboarding can be classified into various categories: 1. Behavioral Measurements: Compliance, connection, culture, clarification, and compliance clarification culture connection (CCCC) (Bauer, 2010; Hartanto Ferdiana Pratiwi et al., 2018), “Ten-step model for onboarding’ (B. G. Caldwell & Caldwell, 2016), “Newcomer Socialization Questionnaire’ (NSQ) (Spagnoli et al., 2018), “Workplace hazing scale” (WHS) (Mawritz et al., 2022), Jones's “Organizational Socialization Tactics” (OST) (Saks, 2007), New model suggesting newcomer “core self-evaluations’ (CSE) (Song et al., 2015), “Employee psychological capital” (Xu et al., 2019). 2. Organizational Assessments: Validated measurement of new employee socialization (Haueter et al., 2003), Frameworks that cover organizational commitment, job satisfaction, and role clarity (Chao, 1997), Sharma and Stoll's paradigm highlights job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and performance outcomes. (G. G. Sharma & Stol, 2020), 3. Quantitative Metrics: Retention rates analysis (Gruman & Saks, 2011). Performance metrics tracking (Bauer & Erdogan, 2010), 4. Program Evaluations: Onboarding program evaluation (Cable et al., 2013), Evaluation of Mentorship Program Effectiveness (Allen T. & Tammy D., 2015).

These varied approaches allow firms to evaluate and improve their onboarding processes, guaranteeing favorable results for both new workers and the organization. This systematic method allows for the assessment and comparison of onboarding procedures in various corporate settings, enabling practitioners to pinpoint areas for enhancement and intervention.

4.3 Outcomes

The outcomes of effective onboarding reported in the literature research were classified into nine unique categories based on their consistent occurrence across various studies. These categories encompass reduced turnover and elevated retention rates, superior performance levels, diminished employee anxiety, increased job satisfaction and loyalty, heightened employee engagement and commitment, expedited integration within the organization, enhanced productivity, business sustainability, and improved adjustment and trust for newcomers. (Brown L., 2021; Lee, 2023; Morrison-Smith & Ruiz, 2020). By categorizing these outcomes, we achieve a thorough comprehension of the varied effects and advantages linked to effective onboarding procedures.

This systematic method facilitates the assessment of onboarding methods across various organizational contexts and empowers practitioners to pinpoint essential results for improvement through efficient onboarding techniques. Lower turnover

and greater retention rates emerged as significant results, referenced in 27 papers. This demonstrates the beneficial impact of effective onboarding on diminishing staff turnover and enhancing retention in firms. Twenty-six papers indicated heightened employee engagement and commitment, underscoring the significance of good onboarding in cultivating a sense of involvement and dedication among new hires. Furthermore, enhanced performance was identified as a significant consequence in 22 articles. This indicates that effectively implemented onboarding procedures enhance employee performance and productivity levels. Twenty-one articles identified enhanced work satisfaction and loyalty, demonstrating the favorable influence of onboarding on employee satisfaction and organizational commitment. Eighteen articles indicated that effective onboarding expedites integration within the company, facilitating the swift transition of new employees into productive organizational roles. Fifteen publications identified newcomer adjustment and trust, emphasizing the influence of onboarding on aiding newcomers' acclimatization to their positions and fostering trust within the organizational framework.

Table 3. Outcomes of the onboarding process

	Outcomes	Number of articles where outcome was found in
1	Lower Turnover / Higher Retention Rates	27
2	Increased Employee Engagement & Commitment	26
3	Higher Performance	22
4	Enhanced Job Satisfaction and Loyalty	21
5	Faster Integration in the Company	18
6	Newcomer Adjustment & Trust	15
7	Decrease in Anxiety	8
8	Improved Productivity	8
9	Sustainability of the Business	3

Source: Author's own compilation

Additionally, eight articles noted a reduction in anxiety, emphasizing the significance of onboarding in alleviating new employees' nervousness and aiding their acclimatization to the organizational setting. Eight articles referenced improved productivity, suggesting that successful onboarding enhances productivity levels among new employees. Finally, the sustainability of the firm was referenced as a result in three publications, indicating that effective onboarding contributes to the long-term viability and success of businesses. This analysis highlights the numerous advantages of effective onboarding, such as decreased turnover, enhanced performance, elevated job satisfaction, expedited integration within the company, increased employee engagement, greater adjustment and trust, reduced anxiety, improved productivity, and business sustainability, all of which contribute to organizational success and longevity.

This article presents a concise summary of the principal themes and outcomes identified in the analysis, together with their frequency of occurrence in the analyzed publications

5. Discussion

To create a comprehensive framework for effective onboarding, our research integrates critical elements, metrics, and results discovered in prior studies. This article synthesizes criteria identified in prior literature reviews as crucial for the success of an onboarding process with metrics thoroughly examined in earlier research to yield the results of an effective onboarding process. The study's integration of factors, metrics, and results offers a comprehensive framework for comprehending and enhancing the onboarding process.

The identified determinants encompass essential elements for efficient onboarding, including the cultivation of positive work relationships, the implementation of defined processes, and the establishment of feedback channels. The various assessment models provide instruments to evaluate these determinants, allowing firms to monitor the efficacy of their onboarding procedures. By correlating determinants with relevant measurements, firms can identify strengths and weaknesses in their onboarding processes. Evaluating job formulation and clarity, in conjunction with measurements for role comprehension, can identify anomalies and inform improvements to improve role clarity during onboarding.

The highlighted outcomes highlight the concrete advantages of effective onboarding, such as decreased turnover, enhanced engagement, and elevated performance. To attain favorable outcomes, firms might incorporate key determinants into their onboarding methods to yield excellent organizational effects. Enhancing mentorship programs (determinant) can result in outcomes such as heightened employee engagement and expedited integration within the organization. The effectiveness can be assessed through evaluations of mentorship programs. Likewise, emphasizing culture-related elements during onboarding, evaluated through cultural integration assessments, can lead to results such as improved job satisfaction and loyalty.

By addressing critical determinants described in the literature and assessing their influence using verified metrics, companies can attain favorable outcomes and cultivate a supportive work environment for new employees. We identified determinants cited in up to 30% of the articles, a substantial proportion signifying their importance (Work Relations/Connection, Onboarding Process/Support, Training, Feedback & Well-being, Formalized/Structured Onboarding Process & Feedback, Job Formulation & Clarity/Attributes/Employee Value & Meaningful Work, Culture-Related Factors, Personal Attributes, Role of Mentor). By amalgamating these factors with the specified measuring mechanisms (Behavioral Measurements, Organizational Assessments, Quantitative Metrics, Program Evaluations), we provide pragmatic implementation options for enterprises to attain effective onboarding outcomes.

The practical consequences of our work encompass a compilation of instances pertinent to the business environment for onboarding implementation, wherein we developed numerous processes, considering the determinants, measurements, and desired outcomes, as follows:1. Decreased turnover and increased retention rates (27 papers). Mechanism: establishing a systematic onboarding process and feedback system that prioritizes the cultivation of robust work relationships and connections from the outset. Delivering extensive training and assistance to guarantee new workers perceive themselves as appreciated and assimilated inside

the organization (measurement: program evaluations), hence decreasing turnover probability (outcome: reduced turnover and enhanced retention rates).

Enhanced staff engagement and commitment (26 articles). Mechanism: Employ behavioral measurements to evaluate the efficacy of mentorship programs in enhancing employee engagement and commitment. Consistently assess the mentorship process to ensure its alignment with business objectives and values, hence improving employee engagement. Result: heightened staff engagement and dedication.

Enhanced performance (22 articles). Mechanism: integrate organizational assessments (measurement: organizational assessments) to examine the clarity of job formulation and attributes (job formulation & clarity/attributes/employee value & meaningful work) throughout the onboarding process. Organizations can enhance performance levels by equipping new employees with a comprehensive understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Result: enhanced performance

Increased job satisfaction and loyalty (21 articles). Mechanism: using quantitative indicators to assess job satisfaction levels among new hires post-onboarding. Implement feedback mechanisms inside the organized onboarding process to immediately address any difficulties or concerns, hence cultivating loyalty and job happiness (result: improved job satisfaction and loyalty).

Accelerated integration within the organization (18 articles). Employ program assessments to analyze the efficacy of onboarding methods in promoting expedited integration. Establish feedback systems to collect insights from new employees about their integration experiences, facilitating ongoing enhancement. Result: accelerated assimilation inside the organization.

Adjustment of newcomers and trust (15 articles). Mechanism: include behavioral metrics to assess the influence of mentors on the adjustment and trust of newcomers. Guarantee that mentors obtain adequate training and assistance to proficiently assist new workers during the onboarding process, promoting trust and adaptation. Outcome: adaptation of newcomers and establishment of trust.

Reduction in anxiety (8 articles). Employ quantitative measurements to assess anxiety levels in new hires prior to and following the onboarding process. Establish support mechanisms, such wellness programs or counseling services, to alleviate worries and enhance the onboarding experience. Result: reduction in anxiety.

Enhanced productivity (8 articles). Illustration Mechanism: Integrate program evaluations (measurement: program assessments) to evaluate the influence of onboarding procedures on employee productivity. Establish systematic feedback systems to detect obstacles to productivity and execute targeted interventions to address them efficiently. Result: enhanced productivity

Sustainability of the enterprise (3 articles). Employ organizational evaluations (measurement: organizational assessment) to analyze the enduring effects of onboarding activities on organizational sustainability. Establish onboarding programs that prioritize cultural alignment and long-term career advancement to guarantee the ongoing success and sustainability of the enterprise (outcome: sustainability).

6. Conclusions and future research

Effective onboarding depends on comprehending essential aspects and utilizing appropriate tools. Organizations can effectively adjust their onboarding strategies by integrating features such as work relationships, organized processes, job clarity, and cultural factors with measuring tools like behavioral assessments, organizational reviews, retention data, and program evaluations. These strategies foster trust, delineate roles, and enhance participation, resulting in improved performance and sustained success. Organizations must apply an appropriate combination of tactics to ensure that new employees feel appreciated and assimilated from the outset, so generating additional value for both the individuals and the firm. Future research on onboarding may concentrate on many domains. Initially, examining the efficacy of onboarding techniques on long-term employee retention and organizational performance using longitudinal research, ideally facilitating a cross-cultural analysis. Secondly, it is essential to better investigate the role of technology in improving onboarding, particularly in remote work environments. Additionally, it is advisable to examine cross-industry variations in onboarding methods among SMEs and multinationals, as well as their impact on staff integration. Fourthly, we emphasize the significance of evaluating the efficacy of virtual onboarding in the post-pandemic context. Finally, we find it appropriate to examine the novel mentorship strategies in onboarding to enhance employee growth.

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