

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

PLUMBERS & HEATING AND VENTILATION ENGINEERS

Plumbers fit and service hot and cold water systems, heating systems and drainage networks.

The workforce is predicted to decline by -2% over by 2027, however, 50.4% of the current workforce is projected to retire, creating approx. 85,600 job openings!

Recent labour market information says you can earn on average between £15,000 and £40,000 a year as a plumber in the UK.

Your starting salary depends on your experience and training. It can also vary because of factors like location or the size of the company. Your salary as a plumber will build over time as you build skills, knowledge and experience.

You can get into this job through:

- A college course - You could do a college course which may help you to find a trainee position with a company. Courses include: Level 2 and Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing and Domestic Heating T Level in Building Services Engineering for Construction
- An apprenticeship - You can do an advanced apprenticeship in plumbing and domestic heating. This can take up to 4 years.
- Working towards this role - You could start as a plumber's assistant or 'mate' and do training on the job to qualify. You'll usually need some GCSEs, including English and maths, along with good practical skills.

WHAT SKILLS YOU NEED

- the ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools
- knowledge of building and construction
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of maths
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to use your initiative
- the ability to work well with your hands

- customer service skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

DAY TO DAY TASKS

- find out from the customer what the problem is
- give time and cost estimates for jobs
- install water, drainage and heating systems
- cut, shape and join pipes and fittings
- find and fix faults
- service gas and oil-fired central heating systems and radiators
- install or repair domestic appliances like showers and washing machines
- respond to emergency call-outs, like boiler breakdowns or blocked drains
- fit weather-proof materials, joints and flashings to roofs, chimneys and walls

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

You could work at a client's home or at a client's business.

Your working environment may be cramped, at height and outdoors some of the time.



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WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

When you do an apprenticeship you will have a real job combined with studying for your formal qualification. Depending on the apprenticeship, you would work for a number of days and attend college for the rest, e.g. college 1 day a week and work 4 days. You will earn an apprenticeship wage and usually have paid holiday. This is a great way of achieving your nationally recognised qualification while gaining valuable work experience. Once qualified you can continue on to the next level apprenticeship or enter your chosen industry.

APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

There are four different levels of apprenticeship:

Intermediate - equivalent to five good GCSE passes.

Advanced - equivalent to two A-level passes.

Higher - equivalent to the first stages of higher education, such as a foundation degree.

Degree - comparable to a Bachelor's or Master's degree.

Many job industries now offer apprenticeship opportunities within a

wide range of roles.

For more information on apprenticeships visit these useful websites:

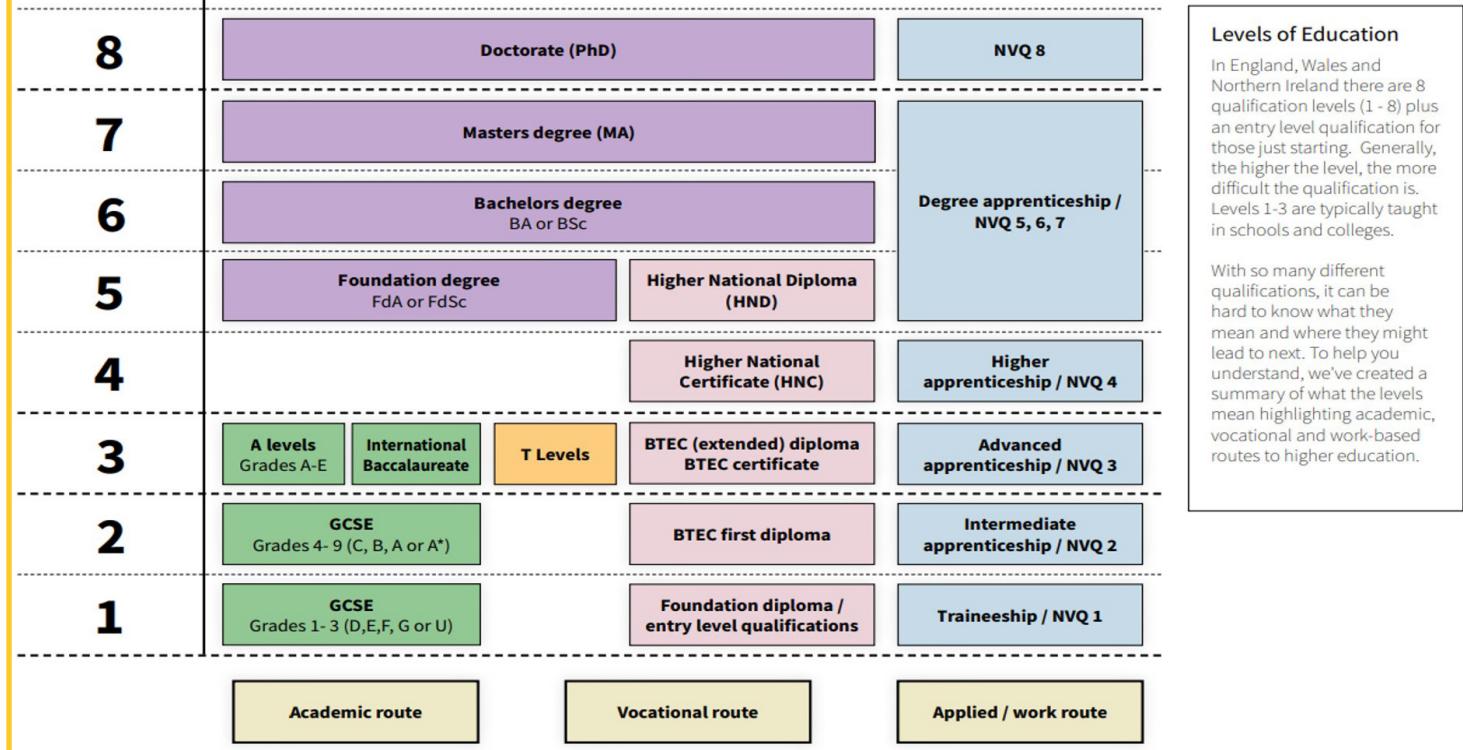
www.amazingapprenticeships.com

www.theaimgroup.co.uk

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk>



Level Qualification / educational routes





USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO HELP EXPLORE CAREERS TIKTOK

TikTok

EXPLORE THE RIGHT HASHTAGS

When using TikTok you may not think of looking for Career specific videos, but there are many to find and a range of advice and guidance clips.

If you want to find these, you're going to need to be specific in your search. That's where hashtags are useful.

By exploring the following career hashtags it will help you find the advice, help and support you're looking for. Popular hashtags on the topics include #careerdevelopment, #careeradvice, #leadership, #hr, #training, #nowhiring and #jobsearch.

It can also be useful to look up the career you are interested in.

FOLLOW CAREER COACHES ON TIKTOK

Following career coaches on Tiktok can be useful for quick tips and advice. Here are a few popular coaches who have a large following on the platform.

J.T. O'DONNELL – Has a huge 1 million followers! J.T. O'Donnell is a renowned career coach and CEO of WorkItDaily.com. On her

channel you can find lots of advice from how to act in interviews to what to add to your CV. Wherever you are in your career, following this career influencer can help you get quick and easy job-related advice. As a former HR executive with more than 18 years of industry experience, she is in a prime position to give advice.

CYNTHIA HUANG - Also known as Careerbabe. Her account has become popular with over 94k followers and is well known for its real-life advice. In her videos, Cynthia speaks about her own experiences in the working world, shares productivity hacks, and how she made a career change which she had been wanting to do for a long time. Having quit her job working in finance at JPMorgan Chase she moved into marketing for Benefit Cosmetics, she knows the realities of changing things up.

JENNY LOGULLO - The self-proclaimed 'career hype girl', Jenny Logullo has over 60k followers. She founded Workplace Worth Academy™, and specialises in career coaching. On her channel, you can expect a range of job-search advice, including how to deal with rejection after a job interview and how to create an eye-catching cover letter.

PODCAST RECOMMENDATIONS



1. CAREER ZONE PODCAST

Exeter, England, UK

Welcome to the brand new Career Zone Podcast. Rae is an Employability and Careers Consultant at the University of Exeter. In each episode, Rae discusses careers related topics that are on students' minds right now. Our goal is to help prepare you for life and work after University, offering quality assistance and advice throughout your course, and for as long as you need it after Graduation.

careerzonepodcast.podbean.com.

1 episode / week - Average Length 11 min



2. YOUR CAREER KIT | STUDENT PODCAST

Thame, England, UK

Your Career Kit is presented by Employment 4 Students, the student podcast dedicated to bringing you top

industry professionals to talk about their exciting jobs and their career journey stories. We are here to bring you the very best tips and advice, to help inspire, kick-start or further your career. Employment 4 Students specialize in advertising student jobs, part-time jobs, seasonal jobs, internships, entry-level jobs, apprenticeships, and graduate jobs. anchor.fm/e4s. 1 episode / quarter - Average Length 36 min



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LOCAL LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Keeping up to date with labour market information is a great way of understanding how our economy is performing and which industries are growing. You can find information on how the career you are interested in is performing in our local area and throughout the UK.

However, it is worth bearing in mind that due to the COVID-19 pandemic labour market information has been difficult to interpret over the past year. Here is some key information comparing our local area with the rest of the UK in 2020 & 2021.*

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK - GROSS WEEKLY PAY FOR FULL TIME WORKERS

- Castle Point:
 - Male - £680.20
 - Female - £531.70
- UK:
 - Male - £655.50
 - Female - £558.10

EMPLOYEE JOBS (2020)

In Castle Point 20% of job are within the wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles. This is followed by 11.4% for Education jobs and 11.4% for Administrative and support service jobs. Human health and social work holds 10.2% of jobs in the area followed by 9% for the construction industry.

Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles is also the industry with the highest job figures in the UK at 14.9%. This is followed by human health and social care at 13.6%.

*Information taken from NOMIS

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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

7th – 12th March 2022

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

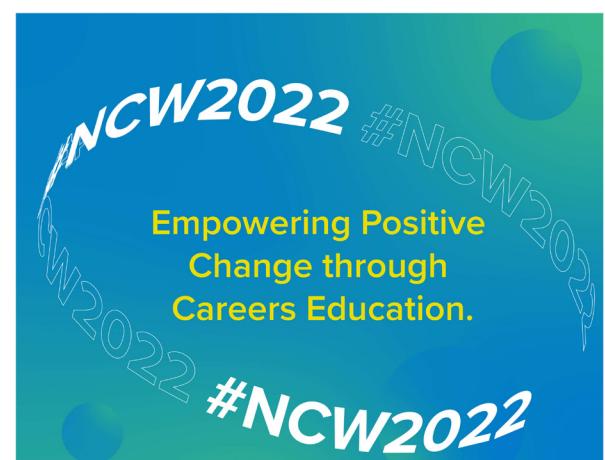
This year at Cornelius Vermuyden will be celebrating with tutor activities and the launch of Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform!

This is an online system that allows students, teachers, parents and carers to navigate career opportunities for life after school. It can also be used to help students to understand early on the options they may want to take in order to aspire to university, apprenticeships or the career path that they wish to take.

Unifrog is a fantastic tool and we want to encourage students to use it whenever possible.

We look forward to sharing more about this exciting careers platform this week!

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