Project Manager

What is it?

A Project Manager is responsible for planning, organising, and overseeing projects to ensure they are completed on time, within budget, and to the required quality standards. They work across many sectors including, business, construction, IT, healthcare, and engineering.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

There are several routes into project management. Many Project Managers hold a degree in a relevant subject such as business, engineering, or IT. However, it's also possible to enter the profession through a higher or degree apprenticeship, such as the Associate Project Manager Level 4 Apprenticeship. Some people move into project management after gaining experience in a related role.

What the Work Involves:

- Planning and organising projects from start to finish.
- Leading teams and assigning tasks.
- Managing budgets, timelines, and resources.
- Communicating with clients and stakeholders.
- Solving problems and adjusting plans when needed.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Project management is a growing field with strong demand across many industries. The UK labour market expects a 4.8% increase in project management roles by 2029. With experience, Project Managers can progress to senior roles such as Programme Manager or Portfolio Manager or even work as independent consultants. The skills gained are highly transferable, offering flexibility and long-term career development.

Typical weekly hours – 37 to 42 hours per week.
You may be required to do occasional evening or weekend work to meet deadlines or attend meetings.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Organised and detail focused.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Good at solving problems and making decisions.
- Able to multitask and manage time well.
- Comfortable using digital tools and software.

Money/Wage Guide:

- **Starting Salary: £29,000**
- **Experienced Salary: Up to £75,000**
- **Average UK Salary: £37,430**

Related Opportunities:

- **Operations Manager**
- **Business Analyst**
- **Construction Manager**
- **IT Project Manager**

Further Information:

- National Careers Service – Business Project Manager
- Careerpilot – Business Project Manager