



# Careers

## What is it?

### Fire Fighter

Fire Fighters respond to emergency situations to protect and save people, the environment and property. They also increase people's knowledge of fire safety to prevent fires. Fire Fighters can work full time or on and on-call basis. You will be required to work shifts, including night shifts as well as weekends and holidays.

### Day to day tasks

- Respond to emergencies
- Provide fire safety advice to members of the public and businesses
- Carry out fire safety inspections on homes and businesses.
- Always ensure personal safety of yourself and others
- Always maintain a level of physical and medical fitness and.
- Maintain all firefighting equipment
- Check fire fighting resources such as hydrants.
- Have good geographical knowledge of the area you are responsible to.
- Complete paperwork and routine administration, including recording of information.
- Take part in continuous training

Video Link: [JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #06 - FIREFIGHTER - YouTube](#)

### Qualifications

To become a Fire Fighter your personal qualities and physical ability are very important. Trainee Fire Fighter roles require you to have grades 4- 9 GCSEs, including English and Maths as a minimum.

### Salary

Ranging from £23,000 per year for starters, increasing to £31,000 for a fully trained Fire Fighter. Managers can earn up to £60,000 per year.

### Jobs and labour market

National Workforce Change (projected)

The workforce is projected to contract by **-0.2% over the period to 2027, losing 100 jobs**. However, in the same period 38.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **15,600 job openings by 2027**

### Routes into the industry

To be a Fire Fighter you should consider the following routes:

- Public Services Qualification
- Apply for an apprenticeship
- Attend specialist courses run by private training organisations/fire service – entry tests required
- A Levels – important for future promotions to officer in charge etc