

Plumber

What is it?

Plumbers fit and service hot and cold-water systems, heating systems and drainage networks. You will work in residential and commercial properties.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

Level 2 and Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing and Domestic Heating

T Level in Building Services Engineering for Construction.

You can get into this job through:

a college course.

an apprenticeship

working towards this role

applying directly

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

A person with good practical skills are essential. You must be careful, accurate and follow instructions to ensure that they systems work properly and safely. You will need to be physically fit and comfortable working at heights.

What the Work Involves:

Plumbers install, maintain and repair heating and water systems in various locations including people's homes and public buildings. You will also be responsible for routine check-ups on appliances such as boilers. You will use a range of power tools, such as wrenches, cutters and welding equipment.

Money/Wage Guide:

Starting salaries range from £28,000 to £40,000 per year.

You may start your own business which could generate a higher income.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

As a plumber you can use your skills in a variety of areas such as heating and ventilation, refrigeration, air-conditioning, gas servicing, kitchen, and bathroom fitting. You may also consider renewable energy technologies, solar water heating systems and ground source heating pumps.

Related Opportunities:

- Gas network Operative
- Heating and Ventilation Engineer
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineer

Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction
-1.4%

Replacement
50.7%

The workforce is projected to contract by -1.4% over the period to 2027, losing 2,400 jobs. In the same period, 50.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 85,600 job openings.

Further Information:

Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors:

www.aphc.co.uk

Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineers:

www.ciphe.org.uk