CAREER OF THE MONTH

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

Protect today's environment, shape tomorrow's future



£30,000
STARTING SALARY

£60,000
EXPERIENCED SALARY

35-40
HOURS PER WEEK

> "Environmental consultants can work across a range of locations - from construction sites and rivers to offices and nature reserves."

DID YOU KNOW?

Environmental consultants can sometimes be called in to investigate whether bats are living in a building before construction or renovation can go ahead? Part of the job can involve becoming a wildlife detective!

WHAT DOES AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT DO?

Environmental consultants advise on sustainability, including waste management, recycling, flood risk and the effects of climate change.
As an environmental consultant, you'll make sure the design, construction and operation of a building project meets environmental and sustainability standards. This can have a positive impact on the environment.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

- Assess environmental impacts and risks
- Collect and analyse data from site visit
- Prepare assessments, reports, and make recommendations
- Develop improvement plans
- Advise on environmental regulations
- Work with specialists including engineers, planners, & clients

"No two days or sites are exactly the same"

HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

- You'll usually need a degree in environmental science, environmental studies, environmental sustainability, or Ecology. Entry criteria for these university courses are typically 3 A relevant levels and 5 GCSEs (9 to 4) including English, Mathematics, and Science.
- Relevant A Levels or T Levels could lead to an environmental apprenticeship or an Environmental Practitioner Level 6 degree apprenticeship as a non-university path.
- There are a number of specialisms or qualifications for professional development, including Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv), NEBOSH Environmental Management Certificate, Contaminated Land / Remediation qualifications, GIS qualifications (e.g. ArcGIS/QGIS), ISO 14001, and IEMA membership.

IS THIS CAREER FOR YOU?

You might enjoy being an Environmental Consultant if you:

- Work well in collaborative teams
- Can document, write, and Communicate information clearly
- Enjoy analysing data
- Have or would like to build environmental and scientific knowledge

"Protecting our planet. Creating sustainable solutions."

WHERE COULD IT TAKE YOU?

- With experience, you could; move into a senior or principal consultant position, apply for chartered environmentalist status, work as a lecturer in education or run your own consultancy business.
- You could also specialise with further study, for example a Soil Scientist Level 7 Apprenticeship. This is equivalent to study at postgraduate level.

An Environmental Consultant tackles environmental challenges, creating lasting solutions.

CAREER CHALLENGE

Could YOU be an Environmental Consultant?
Find 3 ways to reduce your household's environmental impact.
Investigate: What could you change?
Solve: Come up with three realistic ideas.
Persuade: Convince your family to try them.



Cleaner today, brighter tomorrow

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