

# Job of the Week – Roadworker

## Job description:

To build and repair roads and motorways. Also known as Road Construction Operative or Highways Operative.

## Pathway routes into the industry

You can get into this job through:

- a college course such as a Level 1 Certificate in Construction Skills or Level 2 Diploma in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Construction).
- An intermediate apprenticeship as a road surfacing operative or highways maintenance operative.
- applying directly if you're experienced in other areas of construction work, like labouring or groundwork.

## Entry requirements

You will usually need:

- 2 or fewer GCSEs at grades 3 to 1 or equivalent) for a level 1 course
- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9-4 (or equivalent) for a level 2 course

## Subjects

Relevant subjects include:

- Maths, Engineering and IT.

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## Skills

You will usually need:

- knowledge of public safety and security
- knowledge of building and construction
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- customer service skills
- the ability to work well with others
- physical fitness and endurance
- patience and the ability to remain calm
- the ability to operate and control equipment
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

## Day-to-day duties:

As a road worker, you could:

- build, widen and resurface roads
- repair cracks, potholes and other damage
- lay pavements, kerbs and drains
- maintain roadside verges & central reservations
- paint road markings
- install crash barriers, road signs, traffic lights and street lamps
- dig trenches for cables and pipes
- operate power tools and machinery
- direct traffic around road works

## Salary:

Starting at £18,000 and rising to £35,000 for an experienced Road Worker.