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Software Tester

More information can be found at

[Software Tester | Job Information \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/jobs/software-tester)



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Qualifications Required

HNC/HND, NVQ Level 4 or Level 5 up to Degree, NVQ Level 6

For entry to a degree/Higher National Diploma (HND) course in a computing subject, the usual requirements are:

- 2/3 A levels
- GCSEs at grade C/4 or above in 2/3 other subjects
- English and maths at GCSE

Alternative level 3 qualifications to A levels include:

- BTEC - computing and software technologies
- BTEC - professional competence for IT and telecoms professionals
- BTEC - software development
- City & Guilds - ICT professional competence
- City & Guilds - advanced technical diploma in digital technologies (application development)
- the International Baccalaureate Diploma

However, course requirements vary so check college/university websites very carefully.

Some universities accept the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate as equivalent to one A level.



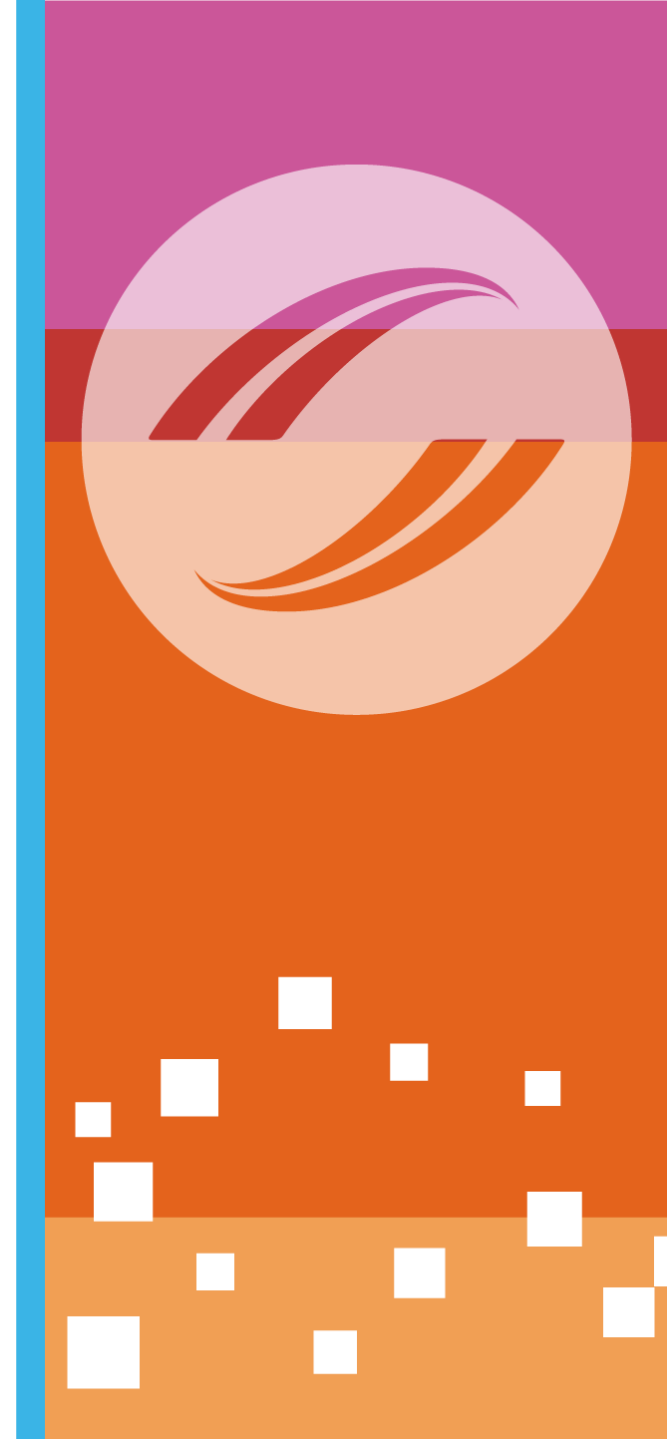
Skills and Qualities

To become a Software Tester, you'll need:

- strong IT skills
- the ability to work calmly under pressure
- to be well organised
- to think logically
- the ability to plan ahead
- to pay attention to detail
- to be able to write clear reports
- verbal communication skills
- teamwork skills

Do I need Welsh Language skills?

Welsh Language skills are often asked for. Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales.



Entry Routes

If you have completed at least two A levels, including one in a relevant subject, then you will be able to start work as a Software Tester.

Or you could choose to go onto university, to study a relevant degree. At university you will learn some of the skills, techniques and technologies, that employers need.

Another option is to get onto a Degree Apprenticeship in a relevant area.

You will need to start carefully planning which A levels you are going to study. IT based subjects at GCSE and A level would help you to stand out from the crowd. Then once you are studying for your A levels, you will need to start looking for suitable job vacancies or applying to universities through UCAS.

A degree isn't essential for this job. However, degrees in relevant subjects are available at many universities. In order to get onto a degree course, you will usually need at least two A levels. An A level in an IT based subject would be a great help

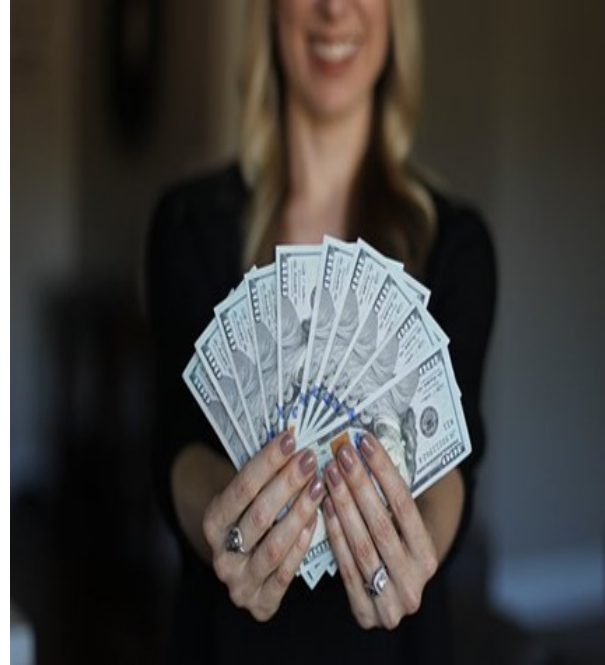


Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate.

- Starting: £22,000 - £30,000
- With experience: £34,500 - £43,000
- Senior Software Testers earn £48,000 - £62,000

Your salary might include performance-related pay, profit share or company bonuses.



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**For entry to the Sixth Form, some schools
require that students need 5 A*-C at GCSE such
as:**

English Language

- B in English Language, will consider those with C

English Literature

- B in English Literature, will consider those with C

Media studies

- C ideal in English Lit and Lang
- Interest in mass media and current affairs



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