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Plumber

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Qualifications Required

GCSE (D-G), NVQ 1 up to GCSE (A-C), NVQ 2

To get onto an Intermediate or Advanced Level Apprenticeship you'll usually need five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, possibly including English and maths. Relevant vocational qualifications include:

- BTEC level 1 or level 2 qualification in construction and the built environment
- BTEC level 3 qualification in building services engineering
- City & Guilds level 2 and 3 diplomas in plumbing and domestic heating
- City & Guilds level 2 and 3 diplomas in plumbing craft

To enter a City & Guilds or BTEC level 2 course, you'll usually need at least four GCSEs at grades D-G (3-1).

To enter a City & Guilds or BTEC level 3 course, you'll usually need at least four GCSEs at grades A*-C (9-4).

However, individual centres may have different entry requirements. You may be able to get on to one of the courses without any qualifications.



Skills and Qualities



To become a Plumber, you'll need:

- good practical skills
- to work carefully, following specifications and often interpreting plans and drawings
- good people skills, as you will often meet customers in their own homes
- to be physically fit, as the work involves a lot of bending, kneeling and working in cramped and awkward spaces
- awareness of the importance of health and safety in this industry
- to be comfortable working at heights

You'll be using sharp and powered cutting tools, so you must not suffer from medical conditions, such as frequent blackouts or dizziness, that could be a danger to yourself or others.

As you may have to travel around locally, a driving licence would be useful for this work.

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

The minimum you need to become a plumber is a level 2 qualification in plumbing.

If you want to work with gas, you must be Gas Safe registered, also.

There are vocational qualifications available that could help you to stand out from the crowd.

Or you could apply for an apprenticeship and train on the job. Once you begin your apprenticeship you may be able to study for a work-based qualification such as an NVQ.

Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS):

You need a CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) card to work on site. These cards show that you are qualified to do the work you've been employed for.

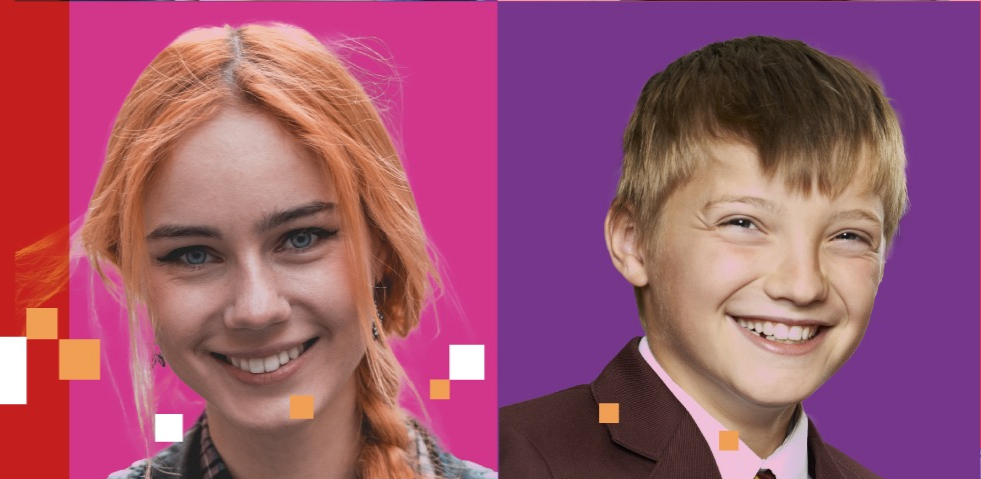


Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate.

- Starting: £14,000 - £20,000
- With experience: £25,000 - £30,000
- Senior Plumbers earn £35,000 - £40,000

Hourly rates range from £7- £18 per hour



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