



JOB of the Week



Job name: Funeral Director

Job description: Funeral directors make arrangements for burials and cremations, and provide support and advice for the bereaved.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: In this role you could:

- help the bereaved to plan a funeral that meets their wishes
- arrange for transfer of the body to the place of rest before the funeral
- advise on costs and arrange details of the funeral time, date and location
- organise other services like flowers, transport and death notices
- explain legal requirements and help clients complete paperwork
- prepare the body for burial or cremation
- arrange visits to the place of rest
- deal with floral tributes and charitable donations
- brief and lead the funeral team on the day, to make sure that everything runs smoothly
- advise on types of memorials, like headstones



<https://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/news/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-funeral-director/>



Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Where Funeral directors work:

You could work at a funeral home, at a cemetery, in an office or at a client's home. Your working environment may be outdoors in all weathers.

Workforce in the UK:

83% of Funeral directors are male, 17% female - UK workforce is 47% female and 53% male

This job in the future: The workforce is projected to grow by 11.6%, creating 2 800 jobs; in the same period, 57% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 14 000 job opportunities.

Salary: Funeral directors can expect to earn approximately between £20 800 (average UK salary is £28 758)



Working hours: You'll typically work a 41- 43 hour week, though working hours and workloads may vary. Funeral directors may work in the evenings, at weekends and on Bank Holidays (UK average is 37 hours)

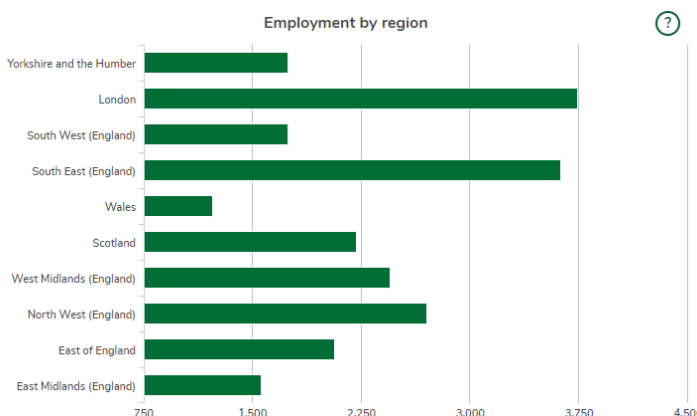
Qualifications to become a Funeral director:

There are no formal academic requirements although some employers require candidates to possess GCSEs/S grades. A full driving licence is often required. Training is provided on-the-job. Professional qualifications in funeral directing and embalming are available.

Many funeral care providers offer a Level 2 apprenticeship in funeral service or funeral arranging. Level 3 apprenticeships are available in Funeral directing.

Skills and knowledge you'll need:

- sensitivity and understanding
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- customer service skills
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- business management skills
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device



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www.successatschool.org

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors

www.ucas.com/careers-advice

www.kudos/cascaid.co.uk/#/ (you all have a log on for this service)

www.careersbox.co.uk (careers videos)

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GAT careers links

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