



JOB of the Week



Job name: Diver

Job description: Divers work underwater at sea, or in rivers, lakes, canals and reservoirs.

Tasks you will undertake in the job:

- **Depending on the type of diving** you do, you could:
 - explore, survey, build or maintain offshore oil and gas drilling rigs and pipelines
 - carry out underwater repairs, demolition or salvage on civil engineering projects
 - work in fish farming
 - perform stunts or do underwater filming for media projects
 - do scientific research or underwater archaeology
 - search for and recover missing persons or evidence for the police
 - lead recreational SCUBA dives or teach SCUBA diving skills in the leisure sector

Working environment

- You could work underwater or in an office.
- Your working environment may be cold, dirty and physically and emotionally demanding.



Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Career tips for Divers:

You might find it useful to have experience of recreational scuba diving before training as a commercial diver. Many diving schools offer tests to help you decide whether you'll be suited to working underwater.

Salary: Divers are typically paid a variable wage depending on the industry in which they work and the demands of the work (how difficult it is and how dangerous the work is)



Working hours: Working hours are usually around 42-44 hours per week (variable). It is likely that you will work during some evenings, weekends and bank holidays and often away from home for long periods of time

Qualifications to become a Diver:

You can get into this job through: working towards this role; applying directly and training with a professional body

Work: You may be able to apply for diver training through your employer, for example if you're in the police or armed forces. Once qualified, you could work with an underwater unit. Similarly, if you work in oceanography or marine biology, your employer may put you through specialist diver training, so that you can carry out research tasks under the sea.

Direct Application: You could apply directly for jobs if you've got the relevant diving and safety qualifications. You'll also need experience relevant to the industry you're working in. For example, you'll need a background in welding to work as an offshore underwater engineer, fixing pipelines.

Other Routes: You'll usually do training with a commercial organisation or professional body to get your diving qualifications. Training must be approved by the Health and Safety Executive. Examples include courses offered by the: Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) or British Sub-Aqua Club

Essential skills you need to show: To succeed as a Diver, the following personal skills and attributes would give you an advantage:

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- persistence and determination
- to be flexible and open to change; patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- knowledge of building and construction
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

This job in the future: The workforce is projected to grow by 1%, creating 100 jobs; in the same period, 69.1% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 30 300 job opportunities.

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