

CAREER OF THE WEEK – AIRLINE PILOT

Aircraft pilots average salary:
£84,206

Working hours: On UK and European flights, you'll usually be able to return home each day.

Longer flights may mean that you need to spend one or two nights away from home. Your employer will provide you with accommodation.

Early starts and late nights are common, as are irregular work schedules

Skills required

Excellent hand-to-eye coordination

Excellent communication skills

Leadership skills

Problem-solving skills

The ability to remain calm and focused under pressure

Entry routes:

- Pass a medical exam and background check
- Complete a pilot training course like the ATPL which requires a certain number of hours and experience to become 'unfrozen' and usable in the industry - this can be very expensive
- You could undertake an aviation degree but this isn't necessary



Local Labour Market

UK growth: +7.6%, an increase in 171,912 jobs from 2020-2035

East of England :+9.3%, an increase of 18,750 jobs from 2020-2035

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Career of the week: Chef

Chefs prepare, cook, and present food in settings like restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, or private households.



Chefs average salary: £30,010

Entry routes: There are no set requirements to become a chef, but employers may ask for Level 2 qualifications (like GCSEs or BTECs) including English and maths. To help you get in, you could: apply for work experience in a kitchen, either through your school work experience programme or as a volunteer after you finish school; do on-the-job training, starting as a kitchen assistant or trainee chef; apply to a professional culinary school, where you'll take exams to gain a qualification or study an apprenticeship

Working hours: Your working day may start early or continue late at night, and you may be expected to work longer hours depending on how busy the service is. You may work weekends and public holidays. You could also get seasonal work.

UK growth: 7.4% increase in 47,729 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: 7.4% increase of 7,175 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # strong organisational and time management skills,
- # good attention to detail,
- # practical cookery skills,
- # the ability to stay calm under pressure,
- # to enjoy working with a team



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Career of the week: Cyber security Analyst

What they do: install, manage, and update software, monitor networks, design and update security systems, develop security plans, stay up-to-date with potential threats and attacks

Entry routes: You'll usually need to complete a degree or degree apprenticeship in a relevant subject like: computer science, digital and technology solutions or computing and information systems

You could also enter the role without a degree. You could, for example, start in an entry-level IT role and work your way up to cyber security analyst by gaining experience and industry certifications.



Find out about Ibrahim's career journey on Unifrog



Average salary: £54,647

Working hours: Typically 35-40 a week. You may need to work flexibly depending on projects and the specific nature of the work.

You'll often be based in an office, and you'll spend a lot of time sat down at a computer.

UK growth: +41.4% increase in 897,801 jobs from 2020-2035
East Anglia growth: +40.8% increase of 89,463 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # technical skills,
- # problem-solving and critical thinking skills,
- # excellent attention to detail,
- # the ability to work under pressure,
- # accountability



Career of the week: Logistics Manager

Managers: Monitor product import or export processes, Analyse cost-effective or efficient means of transporting products and the financial impact of proposed logistics.



Entry routes: Logistics and distribution manager jobs are open to all graduates, but a degree, HND or foundation degree in the following subject areas may help: business, business with languages, computing, economics, geography, information systems, management, science, transport, distribution or logistics. It may be possible to complete an apprenticeship in logistics and distribution.

Professional qualifications are also available in logistics and distribution such as the UK Level 2 Certificate in Logistics and Transport

Average salary: £46,143

Working hours: Hours of work may vary but you'll generally work around 60 hours per week. Companies that offer a 24-hour service may operate a shift system, which may involve weekend and evening work.

UK growth: 16.7% increase in 191,651 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: 18.2% increase of 19,824 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # Excellent organisational skills,
- # Good attention to detail
- # Excellent problem solving skills
- # Excellent communication skills
- # Adaptability



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Career of the week:

Biologist

What they do: design and carry out experiments, make observations, write reports and publish scientific papers, teach students, supervise support staff

Entry routes: You'll usually need a relevant degree and a MSc or PhD in a biological science. Employers may also want you to have experience in your area of interest and, if you don't already have one, be working towards a PhD.

You may be able to become a biologist through a Higher Apprenticeship for Life Sciences and Chemical Science Professionals.



Average salary: £45,382

Working hours: 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, with occasional evening and weekend shifts. You could be based in a laboratory, a classroom, in industry or on a research ship at sea.

Fieldwork can sometimes take place in challenging conditions.

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Key skills:

- # practical scientific skills
- # problem-solving skills
- # accuracy and attention to detail
- # excellent communication skills
- # IT skills



Find out about Alex's career journey on Unifrog





Career of the week: Judge



What they do: Judges are in charge of courtrooms – they keep order, direct the legal process, and make sure everything in the courtroom follows the rules set down by law.

It is the judge's duty to summarise the case and decide what should happen next: sentencing a criminal to years in prison, ruling on which parent should have custody of a child, or deciding how much compensation a company should pay to a wrongfully dismissed employee.

Entry routes: The entry requirements for this role will vary depending on where you live. In general, you'll need to:

- complete a law degree
- gain significant experience as an attorney, lawyer, solicitor, or barrister
- complete an application process (e.g. with the Judicial Appointments Commission in the UK)

Average salary: £50,915

Court sitting hours normally run from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

In addition to this, most judges do a lot of work outside those hours, writing judgments and reading files of evidence and letters relating to current and future (and sometimes past) cases.

UK growth: +17% increase in 436,252 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +19.3% increase of 89,463 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

strong communication skills, especially the ability to listen carefully

excellent critical thinking and reasoning skills

ethical judgement

authority and confidence



**Find out about Tan Ikram
career journey on Unifrog**





Career of the week: Financial Accountant



What they do: Present information to an external audience, i.e. people outside of the company, such as shareholders, potential investors, industry regulators, financial institutions, lenders and creditors. Audit accounts, Record business transactions, and analyse how well a company is performing

Entry routes: A Level 3 qualification that evidences your numeracy skills, such as A-levels in economics and mathematics, might be advantageous.

To become an accountant, you must complete training with one of the professional accountancy bodies: AAT / ACCA / ICAEW.

Many accountants also hold a degree. However, this is not essential and does not have to be in Accountancy.

Average salary: £50,062

Most financial accountants work full-time hours, Monday to Friday. Either be employed directly by an organisation or work for an accountancy firm. You will perform similar duties, but within a practice you'll work for a range of clients, rather than a single business.

UK growth: +17% increase in 436,252 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +19.3% increase of 41,627 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # numeracy & analytical skills
- # the ability to manage money
- # communication skills
- # attention to detail



**Find out about Molly's
career journey on Unifrog**





Career of the week: Investment Banker



What they do: You'll be a link between companies and investors. If a company wants to expand or begin a big project, they need capital to do it. Investment bankers help them to raise that capital by issuing stock or borrowing from investors.

Entry routes: You'll usually need a 2:1 degree or higher to be recruited by an investment bank. This can be in any subject, though a related topic like mathematics, finance, economics, or business is a plus. You'll be doing training on the job, and depending on your exact role, you might have to take exams for the first few years of your career. You might be at an advantage if you also have a Master of Business Administration (MBA) .

Average salary: £76,447

You'll usually work long hours and have an irregular work schedule which can include night work so managing your own time and tasks is essential.

You'll often be working in an office environment where you'll spend a lot of time at a computer.

UK growth: -1% decrease in 25,076 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +1.1% increase of 2,863 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # attention to detail
- # strong numeracy and analytical skills
- # organisation and time management skills
- # communication skills
- # ability to work under pressure



**Find out about Katie's
career journey on Unifrog**





Career of the week: Sports Coach

What they do: In competitive sport: design basic training programmes, work on developing more advanced techniques and tactics, and support performers at events and competitions.

In schools: plan fun, engaging coaching activities, sessions and programmes in a safe environment, give feedback on performance and help to improve technique

Entry routes: You'll need a coaching qualification that's recognised by the national governing body (NGB) for your sport. You can get these in one of the following ways: through a sport NGB, as part of a college or university course that includes coaching. Some employers will expect you to have a relevant higher education qualification, such as a foundation degree in sports coaching and development, an HND in sports and exercise science or a degree.



**Find out about Dani's
career journey on Unifrog**



Average salary: £30,108

You'll often work in the evenings and at weekends, especially during competitions. You'll usually work long hours if coaching at a high level.

Competitions take place all over the UK and abroad, so you'll spend time away from home.

**UK growth: +0.2% increase in 1,593
jobs from 2020-2035**

**East Anglia growth: -5.8% decrease
of 4,201 jobs from 2020-2035**

Key skills:

- # excellent communication skills
- # the ability to inspire confidence and motivate
- # the ability to assess and solve problems
- # determination and patience
- # physical stamina





Career of the week: Arts Administrator



What they do: You'll work at places like theatres, art galleries, community and disability arts organisations, or local authorities. Tasks could include: booking venues and artists, negotiating sponsorship and funding, promoting events and managing social media, helping with staff training, managing budgets and keeping records, carrying out general administration and selling tickets

Entry routes: A degree in arts, arts administration, events, or business studies may be helpful.

Relevant skills and experience are also valued by employers. You could get this through volunteering or temporary work, such as: helping with student or community drama productions or concerts, working front of house or at box offices at arts centres, cinemas or theatres, taking relevant temporary jobs with arts festivals.



**Find out about Holly's
career journey on Unifrog**

Average salary: £45,534

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You'll work in an office and also travel to events and performances.

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What they do: You'll establish policies and procedures for staff, developing quality control processes, carrying out staff appraisals, measuring performance, dealing with disciplinary issues, preparing reports, giving presentations to the senior management team, hosting visits by clients and managers from other parts of the organisation, and managing the office budget.

Entry routes: You'll usually need management experience to get into this type of work. You may be able to start as an office supervisor or assistant within a company, then move up through training and promotion. Some employers offer graduate training schemes. A degree in any subject may be acceptable, but business management, business studies or business administration may give you an advantage. You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Average salary: £38,630

You'll usually work about 40 hours a week. You may be on call if you're a keyholder for the office.

UK growth: +1.9% increase in 59,270 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +1.4% increase of 3,594 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

management, planning and leadership skills

IT skills

organisational ability

excellent communication and people skills



**Find out about Lucy's
career journey on Unifrog**





Career of the week: Paramedic



What they do: Most paramedics work for ambulance services. You'll deal with a range of situations, from minor wounds and substance misuse to serious injuries from fires and major road, rail and industrial accidents. You'll: check a patient's condition to decide what action to take, use a defibrillator to resuscitate patients, and carry out surgical procedures.

Entry routes: You'll usually need: a foundation degree, diploma, or degree in paramedic science or paramedic practice, to be registered with the relevant professional body in your country (like the Health and Care Professions Council in the UK, a driving licence, to pass a medical check, and a background check. You could start as a student paramedic, a trainee technician, or an emergency care assistant for an ambulance service.

Average salary: £53,818

You'll usually work 37.5 hours a week on shifts, including nights, weekends and bank holidays. wear a uniform including protective clothing. Work on an ambulance, or as a specialist, you may work on your own, using a car, motorbike or bicycle. The job is physically and emotionally demanding, and it can be stressful.

UK growth: +7.2% increase in 118,954 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +11.3% increase of 13,484 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # the ability to cope under pressure
- # a strong sense of principles and ethics
- # accountability and reflectiveness
- # to be adaptable



Find out about Peter's career journey on Unifrog





Career of the week: Land Surveyor



What they do: Land surveyors measure and collect data on both natural and artificial land. This is so the information can be used to make site plans, often for civil engineering and building projects. There are lots of specialist areas within land surveying, including utility surveying and measured building surveying.

Entry routes: Most employers will ask you to have a degree in a relevant subject, like surveying, civil engineering, or geospatial mapping. However, there are alternative routes, for example:

- a programme that combines theory and practice, like an apprenticeship in geospatial survey and mapping science
- if you've done a degree in a different subject, you could do a conversion course

Average salary: £46,184

You'll usually work weekdays around 9am-5pm. Some roles may involve shifts, where you work a different time for several days in a row.

You might spend some of your time on a construction site, and some in an office or working from home. On the site, you might be exposed to loud noises and will need to wear safety gear. You may get the chance to travel for work and could even work overseas.

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East Anglia growth: +19.3% increase of 41,627 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # digital literacy
- # technical skills
- # attention to detail
- # problem solving
- # independence and teamwork



Find out about Mitchell's career journey on Unifrog





Career of the week: Plumber



What they do: Depending on qualifications, you'll service and repair heating, water and sanitation systems in domestic and commercial premises. Your tasks may include: giving cost and time estimates, cutting, bending and joining pipes and fittings, installing water, drainage and heating systems, finding and fixing faults, servicing gas and oil-fired central heating systems and radiators.

Entry routes: You'll usually need GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) in maths, English and science.

You'll also need to get an industry-recognised qualification like a level 2 or 3 Diploma in Domestic Plumbing and Heating. You'll need gas related units at level 3 to work with domestic gas heating systems.

You could take a course in plumbing skills at college. This may help you find a trainee position with a company.

You could also get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Average salary: £45,939

As an employee, you'll usually work between 37 and 40 hours a week. You could work evenings, weekends and public holidays, if your firm offers an emergency call-out service.

Self-employed plumbers can work longer hours.

You'll be working in all weathers, and some of your work will be in confined spaces. You could also work on scaffolding or from ladders to repair roof guttering or leadwork.

UK growth: -7.7% decrease in 69,814 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: -7.7% decrease of 6,354 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

number skills

the ability to follow technical drawings and plans

practical skills and the ability to follow safe working practices

customer care skills



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Career of the week: Warehouse Manager



What they do: Your day-to-day activities may include: working closely with clients, suppliers and transport companies, planning the delivery and dispatch of goods, monitoring and setting aside storage space, tracking stock levels using computer programs, making sure stock is stored correctly and safely, planning work rotas for warehouse staff, organising recruitment and staff training

Entry routes: There are no set requirements, but you may need supervisory experience and qualifications in warehouse or distribution work.

Relevant experience in an area like retail may be useful. It may give you an advantage if you have a forklift licence. It may help you get onto an employer's management training scheme if you have a foundation degree, HND or degree in a subject, like: logistics, supply chain management, transport management

Average salary: £37,413

You'll usually work 35 to 45 hours a week. Shift work is common, including evenings and weekends.

You'll mainly be office-based, with some time spent on the factory floor or in a warehouse.

UK growth: -1% decrease in 25,076 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +1.1% increase of 2,863 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # spreadsheet and database skills
- # excellent communication skills
- # planning and scheduling skills
- # the ability to lead, manage and motivate staff



Find out about Simon's career journey on Unifrog





Career of the week: Hotel Manager

What they do: You'll deal with everything from budgeting and marketing to staff recruitment. You'll be responsible for: deciding business targets and marketing; fire safety and building security; licensing regulations; overseeing larger corporate bookings and events; managing staffing and resources; organising building maintenance; dealing with customer complaints and comments.

Entry routes: There are no set requirements to get into this role, but to help you get in, you could: apply for a place on a management trainee scheme or apprenticeship with a hotel company; complete a diploma or degree in a subject like hotel or hospitality management; apply for a junior position in a hotel or restaurant, like front of house manager or kitchen supervisor, to build your experience; Some jobs may ask for a driving license, and the ability to speak more than one language.



**Find out about Aidan's
career journey on Unifrog**



Average salary: £36,419

You'll usually work in the daytime on weekdays, but early starts, evenings, and weekends are possible. You may have to travel to meet suppliers, contractors, or corporate clients. This role involves lots of conversations with different teams of colleagues as well as new customers and clients. There may be some stress –e.g. you may be needed by different departments at the same time, or need to make decisions that won't please everyone.

UK growth: +16.7% increase in 191,651 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +18.2% increase of 19,824 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # excellent communication skills
- # good networking skills
- # be a good leader & be adaptable
- # be able to work under pressure



Career of the week: Software Developer



What they do: Software developers design, build, and test software. Software developers have a wide scope and work on different types of software that can run without a website. They might, for example, write code for a phone app, a word processor, a web browser like Chrome, or the operating system for a smart TV.

Entry routes: There aren't any formal requirements for becoming a software developer – your skills and experience are more important. However, it may help to complete an apprenticeship or degree in a relevant subject like:

- computer science
- computer software
- computer systems engineering
- computer programming

Average salary: £56,914

You'll usually work 37 to 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday. Some evening or weekend work may be needed to meet deadlines. If you're self-employed, you'll work the hours needed to complete the job.

You may work in an office, from home, or a combination of the two. Wherever you work, you'll spend a lot of time sat down in front of a computer. You'll also have regular meetings to speak with team members.

UK growth: +41.4% increase in 897,801 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: +40.8% increase of 89,463 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # digital literacy and technical skills
- # problem-solving and numeracy skills
- # communication skills
- # attention to detail



**Find out about Chris's
career journey on Unifrog**

Career of the week: Sustainability Analyst



What they do: Sustainability analysts play a key role in developing a company's sustainability plan. The role differs from that of a Sustainability Officer, in that an Analyst tends to use data insights and statistical software in more depth to create strategies and reports. Officers are then responsible for carrying out eco projects and initiatives that help meet these strategies.

Entry routes: Most companies will ask for a degree in a relevant subject, such as Environmental and earth sciences or Geography. A relevant Masters degree could put you in a good position for a highly sought-after role. Some will ask for professional experience - for example, a few years of working on project management, or in more junior roles in sustainability, like a Sustainability assistant



**Find out about Kaity's
career journey on Unifrog**

Average salary: £43,362

Most Sustainability analyst roles are full-time, which usually means working eight or nine hours a day, from Monday to Friday. They will normally be based in an office and/or working from home.

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East Anglia growth: +40.8% increase of 89,463 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # good problem solving skills
- # teamwork skills
- # strong communication skills
- # the ability to work under pressure
- # inquisitiveness



Career of the week: Live Sound Engineer



What they do: You'll mix the inputs from microphones and amplifiers, using a control desk to balance the sound levels. You might also provide background music and sound effects. Your duties might also include: discussing the production's sound needs with the director or sound designer; identifying places in the script where any sound effects, music and changes in sound level are needed.

Entry routes: You'll need a good knowledge of music and sound technology, and you may find it useful to have an understanding of physics and electronics. You could do:

- a course in technical theatre, music technology or sound engineering
- a degree or diploma in technical theatre accredited by [Drama UK](#)

Average salary: £32,643

Hours can be long and irregular. Evening and weekend work is common. You may also work during the day for rehearsals, sound checks and maintenance. You'll work in theatres, concert halls, arenas, and outdoors at concerts and festivals. You'll spend a lot of time sitting at a control desk. You'll travel throughout the UK and possibly overseas.

UK growth: +0.2% increase in 1,593 jobs from 2020-2035

East Anglia growth: -5.8% decrease of 4,201 jobs from 2020-2035

Key skills:

- # good hearing
- # a good sense of pitch
- # patience, stamina and good concentration
- # the ability to cope with long hours



**Find out about Ben's
career journey on Unifrog**

