

Public Sector

Public Sector Overview

Public sector organisations provide a service for everyone: for example education (schools) and security and safety (police and armed forces). These services are paid for via taxation.

(Please note NHS and other health care services are covered with the Health & Social Care sector factsheet)



5.7% of employment in the Humber is in the public sector

Examples of Key Employers in the Humber



Useful subjects

- Maths
- IT
- Science
- English

Did you know?

- The Public Sector accounts for 5.7% of the region's workforce, employing 20,000 people
- Employment in the public sector, which encompasses public administration, defence and health, is higher in the Humber than the Yorkshire & Humber wider region, and England as a whole
- There are a variety of different career opportunities within Local Authorities ranging from solicitors, accountants, marketing/media roles and IT to conservation
- Part of the recruitment process for the armed forces, police and fire services involves assessing physical fitness, literacy, numeracy and communication skills
- In Hull & East Riding the largest employers are East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council
- Nearly all public service organisations offer apprenticeships
- There are over 50 different careers to choose from in the RAF, 220 in the army and well over 5,000 in naval services
- The fire service has changed radically in the last 10 years. Today, the job's as much about promoting community safety as it is about putting out fires

Will there be opportunities available?

- The government's push to reform the public sector means jobs and industry within the sector are in an uncertain position. Predictions are that further job cuts will be made. However, opportunities will be available with the natural turnover of staff and an ageing workforce
- A new prison to be built in East Yorkshire will create over 250 new public sector jobs in addition to the construction and manufacturing jobs required to build the facility

For further information visit:

- National Careers Service
- www.lmihumber.co.uk
- www.careersyandh.co.uk
- www.bridgingthegaphumber.co.uk
- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- www.allaboutcareers.com
- www.sfuk.com
- www.deliveringyourfuture.co.uk
- Look in your local newspapers
- Pop in to you local Job Centre
- Check out Social Media
- And talk to family and friends



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Planning ahead...

Entry Level

Involves building basic knowledge and skills and is not geared towards specific occupations

Traineeship
Study Programme
Entry level certificate
Entry level Skills for Life
Entry level Award, Certificate and Diploma
Entry level Functional Skills
Entry level Foundation Learning
English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)

Teaching Assistant
Highways Cleaner
Administration Assistant
Lifeguard
Accounts Clerk
Apprenticeships in:
• Business Administration
• IT
• Highway Maintenance

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Police Officer
Airwoman/man
Army Soldier
Fire fighter
Parking Attendant
Prison Officer (entry tests will be part of the recruitment process)

Level 1

Involves activities which mostly relate to everyday situations and may be linked to job competence

GCSE (grades D-G or 1-3)
Traineeship
Study Programme
Key Skills
NVQ
Skills for Life
Foundation Diploma
BTEC Award, Certificate and Diploma
Foundation Learning
Functional Skills
OCR National

Royal Navy Officer
Library Assistant
Civil Service Executive
Revenues Officer
Facilities Manager
Crime Scene Investigator
Probation Officer

Civil Service Administrator
Police Front Office Staff Assistant
Committee Administrator
Community Safety Officer
Payroll Administrator

Level 2

Involves building knowledge and or skills in relation to an area of work or subject area appropriate for many job roles

GCSE (grades A*-C or 4-9)
Intermediate Apprenticeship
Key Skills
NVQ
Skills for Life
Higher Diploma
BTEC award, Certificate and Diploma
Functional Skills

Level 3

Involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills. It is appropriate for people wishing to go to university, working on their own or in some areas, supervising others in their field of work

AS and A level
Advanced Apprenticeship
Advanced Extension Award
Cambridge International Award
International Baccalaureate
Key Skills
NVQ
Advanced Diploma
Progression Diploma
BTEC award, Certificate and Diploma
BTEC National
OCR National
Cambridge National

Good to know:

Public sector organisations need people with customer service, team work, problem solving, literacy and numeracy skills. They offer good training and progression opportunities.

Level 4

Appropriate for people working in technical and professional jobs, and/or managing and developing others

HNC
Higher Level Apprenticeship
Key Skills
NVQ
BTEC Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma
Certificate of higher Education

Town Planner
Librarian
Trading Standards Officer
Teacher
Economic Development Officer
RAF officer

Level 5

Appropriate for people working as higher grade technicians, professionals or managers

HND
NVQ
Higher Level Apprenticeship
Higher Diploma
BTEC Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma
HNC
Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
Diploma of Further Education
Foundation Degree

Level 6

Involves the achievement of high level professional knowledge and is appropriate for people working as knowledge based professionals or in professional management positions

NVQ
Higher Level Apprenticeship
BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma
Degree with Honours (BA Hons, BSc Hons)
Graduate Certificate
Graduate Diploma

Level 7

Involves the achievement of high level of professional knowledge and is appropriate for people working as knowledge based professionals or in professional management positions

BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma
Fellowship and Fellowship Diploma
Postgraduate Certificate
Postgraduate Diploma
NVQ
Degree Level Apprenticeship
BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma
Master's degree

Civil Engineer
Political Researcher
Police Inspector
Solicitor

Level 8

Involves the achievement of high level professional knowledge and is appropriate for people working as knowledge based professional management positions

NVQs
Vocational qualifications
Doctorate
Degree Level Apprenticeship
Postgraduate Certificate

