

CAREERS

at a glance

JOB OF THE WEEK

What is it?



Mechanic

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians accept calls for help and repair and service the mechanical parts and electrical/electronic circuitry and components of cars, lorries, buses, motorcycles and other motor vehicles, and repair and service auto air-conditioning systems.

Day to day tasks

Day to day tasks for a mechanic consist of:

- Building and assembling machines or mechanical components according to requirements.
- Inspecting and repairing vehicles, machinery, and light trucks.
- Running diagnostic tests to discover functionality issues.
- Conducting repairs aiming for maximum reliability.
- Overseeing maintenance inspections and monitor inventory.



Qualifications

There are no formal academic entry requirements, although some employers may require GCSEs/S grades or an equivalent qualification. Training is undertaken off- and on-the-job. NVQs/SVQs at Levels 2 and 3 are available. Apprenticeships at NVQ/SVQ Levels 2 and 3 are available and take three to four years to complete.

Salary

£29,640
average salary

The UK average salary is £29,813

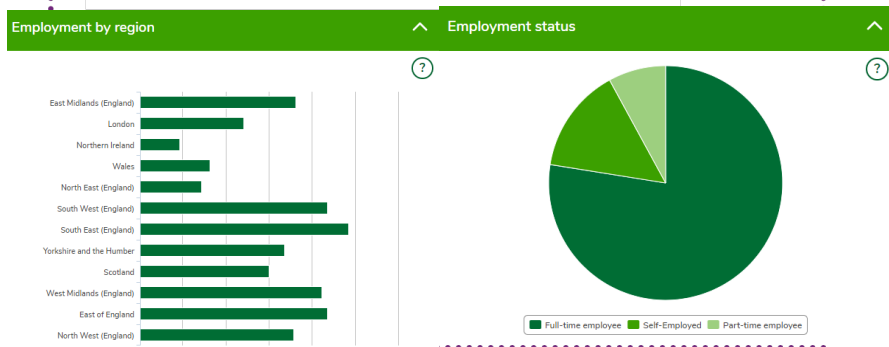
49
average weekly hours

There are 37.5 hours in the average working week

99% male
1% female

The UK workforce is 47% female and 53% male

Jobs and labour market



Routes into the industry

Routes into the industry could include completing a college course, an apprenticeship or by gaining experience on the job.

