

Housing, Property and Facilities

If you like working with and helping people or doing practical work then a career in housing, property or facilities may be for you.

There is a wide range of opportunities available, from managing the facilities and services in buildings where people work or helping people to find suitable housing to cleaning windows, chimneys or building interiors.

What areas can I work in?

This career area covers the sectors of facilities management, housing and property services, including cleaning. These encompass a wide range of jobs, from managerial to manual.

What kind of companies can I work for?

Possible employers include:

- local authorities
- housing associations
- the NHS
- building management companies
- large contract cleaning companies
- small private companies
- estate agencies
- schools, colleges or universities
- infrastructure support companies.

What's the job market like?

The UK facilities management sector is worth a lot of money every year for the UK economy.

The facilities management sector in Scotland, is expected to continue to grow, as the services provided to organisations is usually their biggest expenditure.

As ever a future priority is to attract younger people into the sector and to ensure that the range of skills required, including management and leadership, problem solving and energy management, are met.

There is expected to be notable growth in employment in areas that are considered lower skill, including cleaning.

Facts and figures

Want to find out more?

There are a number of professional bodies related to this sector, some of which have more information on careers

and training.

[The Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management](#) (previously the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM)), provides information about qualifications in that sector.

[The Chartered Institute of Housing](#) (CiH), the independent body for housing and its professional standards, also provides information on careers, training and qualifications.

Sources