

Public Lighting Operative

The Work

You could be:

- cleaning lights and signs and replacing bulbs and lighting elements
- jointing and terminating electrical cabling
- setting the time switches for street lights
- reporting faults or damage done to any lights and signs
- driving vehicles and operating plant machinery
- carrying out routine maintenance on plant machinery and equipment
- maybe using special software to keep details of defects and repairs
- working as part of a team erecting new lamp posts or road signs
- making sure traffic management plans are in place and pedestrians are safe from falling objects.

Pay

The figures below are only a guide. Actual pay rates may vary, depending on:

- where you work
- the size of the company or organisation you work for
- the demand for the job.

Conditions

- You would work outdoors and travel round your district.
- You would often work from a hoist or lift mounted on a vehicle. There can be a risk of falls and other minor injuries.
- You would be outside in all weathers and working conditions could be cold, wet, dirty and noisy.
- You have to wear overalls and a safety helmet.
- You may have to work late and sometimes be on call in case of emergencies.

Getting In

- You will not usually require formal qualifications, but employers will expect a satisfactory standard of English and Maths.
- Electrical knowledge and experience would be helpful. For street lighting electrician vacancies you need relevant electrical qualifications.
- You need to have a full driving licence.
- Sometimes a special category licence is required to drive and operate large vehicles and plant machinery.
- Some employers might ask for a streetworks ticket (NRSWA - New Roads and Street Works Act) or CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) card.
- You will need to be fit, in good general health and preferably not allergic to dust.

What Does It Take

You need to be:

- safety conscious
- careful and methodical
- reliable and consistent
- able to work as part of a team or on your own initiative
- able to remain calm in difficult situations.

You need to have:

- good hand skills
- a good head for heights
- common sense
- good co-ordination
- good communication skills - you may have to explain problems to members of the public.

Training

- Training is normally on the job with an employer and by working with a more experienced person.
- You may also go on relevant short courses, such as health and safety and first aid.

Getting On

- After suitable experience in the job, you may be promoted a supervisor post.
- You may also be able to move on to other opportunities within the local authority.

More Information

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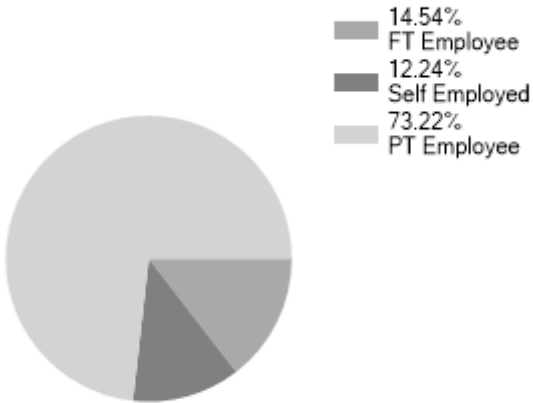
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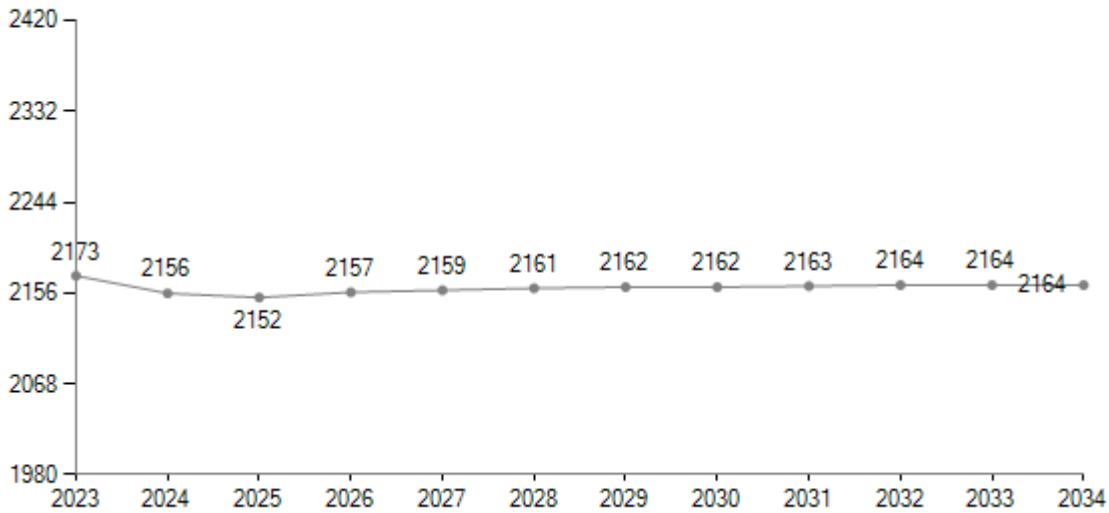


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