

Home Media Engineer

Home media engineers connect customers to a full range of digital home technology, such as broadband and television services. This could be installing or setting up from scratch, or fixing faults.

The Work

You could be:

- installing broadband, television services and phone lines, both inside and outside of homes
- securely fixing equipment and running a connecting cable to the receiving system
- setting up routers and using diagnostic tools to get best connection
- testing the strength of the broadcast signal with a signal meter
- installing set top boxes for TV services and setting up the system and showing customer how to use
- adding new signal reception points in buildings
- connecting or upgrading digital receiver equipment
- diagnosing and repairing faults.

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.

The average salary for home media engineers is around £26,000 a year. With experience this can rise to between £30,000 and £37,000 a year. You can earn extra through bonus and overtime payments. You might earn commission from selling other products to customers.

Conditions

- You may have to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- You may have to work at height if fixing an outdoor aerial.
- Hours of work may vary and could include evenings and weekends. You may be on call to attend faults.
- You would travel to each job, usually in a work's van.

Getting In

- You may be able to enter directly as a trainee.
- You do not always need formal qualifications, but some employers prefer English, Maths and a science or technological subject at National 4 or 5.
- You usually need to have a driving licence.
- You need good general health and fitness for this job.
- As you will work in peoples' homes, you may require a satisfactory criminal records check to show you are

suitable for this type of work. [Contact Disclosure Scotland](#) for details.

- If you are working on a building site, you will need a [Construction Skills Certification Scheme \(CSCS\)](#) card.

You could work for a large company such as Sky, Virgin Media or BT Open Reach.

What Does It Take

You need to have:

- an understanding of electronic equipment
- good problem solving skills
- good practical skills for using tools
- a pleasant and helpful manner dealing with the public.

You need to be:

- agile, with a good head for heights
- safety conscious
- able to work to a schedule
- careful and reliable
- able to work alone and also as part of a team.

Training

- You will normally train on the job through an employer's training scheme.
- You need to keep up to date with changes in technology.

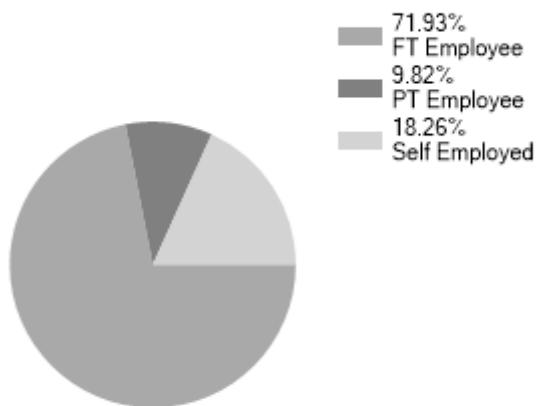
Getting On

- With experience, you may be promoted to a supervisory post.
- You may move into sales work.
- You might be able to move into management.
- You could set up your own business.

Contacts

Statistics

Employment Status UK %

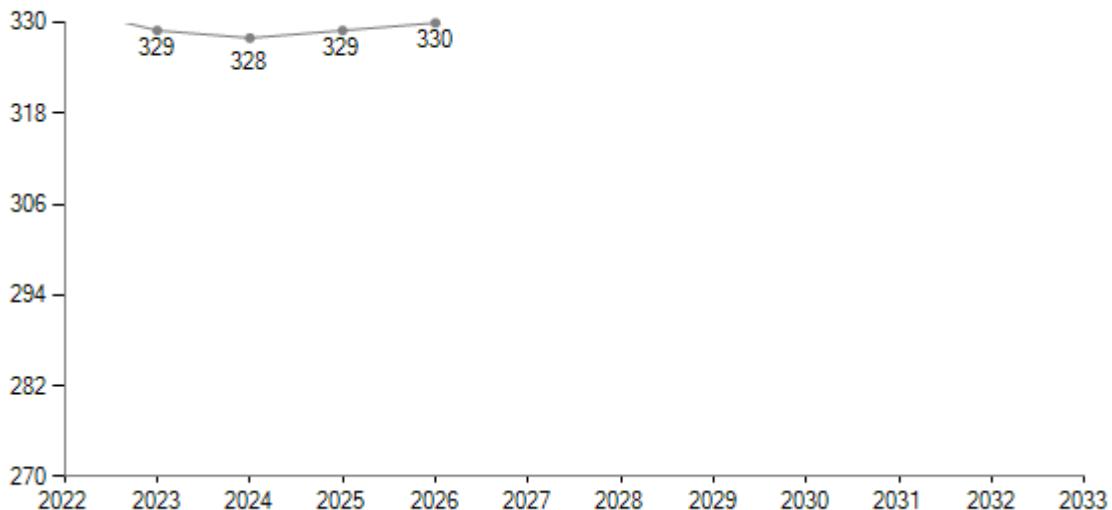


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