

Aerial and Satellite Installer

Aerial and satellite installers fit and repair television aerials, radio aerials and satellite dishes, and connect them to receiving equipment in homes or commercial premises. They may also set up a full range of digital home technology, such as broadband services.

The Work

You could be:

- deciding on a suitable aerial or satellite dish and discussing the best position for it with the customer
- working at heights using ladders and roof ladders
- testing the strength of the broadcast signal with a signal meter
- securely fixing equipment and running a connecting cable to the receiving system
- repairing damage caused by bad weather
- adding new signal reception points in buildings
- installing set top boxes for TV services and setting up the system
- connecting or upgrading digital receiver equipment.

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.

Starting salaries for aerial and satellite installers can range from £16,000 to £22,000 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 would have to spend a lot of time working on rooftops, requiring you to be competent in working safely at heights.
- You would work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- You will have to travel long distances.
- Hours of work may vary and could include evenings and weekends. You might complete up to 8 installations a day.
- You would have to wear and be competent in the use of personal protective equipment, such as harnesses and hard hats.

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.
- Certain colour vision conditions may affect entry to careers in this branch of engineering.
- 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.

Some aerial and satellite installers just deal with external aerials. Some deal with the full range of digital home technology, such as satellite or cable TV receivers and broadband routers. Some work for specialist electronic installation firms.

What Does It Take

You need to have:

- an understanding of electronic equipment
- 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.
- [The Confederation of Aerial Industries \(CAI\)](#) runs a full range of courses in digital home technology installation techniques.
- You need to keep up to date with changes in technology.

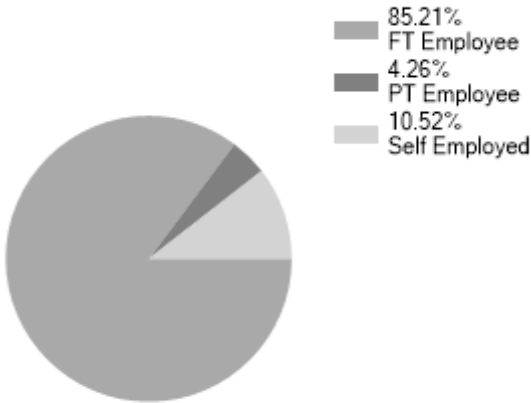
Getting On

- 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 %



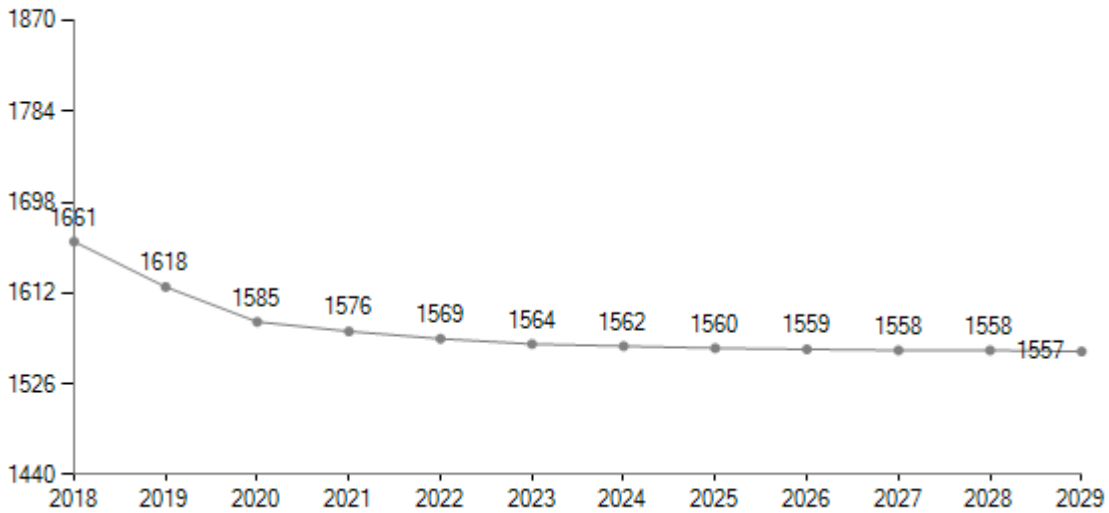
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Date	Unemployed
Dec 2018	1.19%

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Predicted Employment in Scotland



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