

## Crematorium Technician

A crematorium technician carries out all the practical duties involved with cremation.

### The Work

You could be:

- cleaning and preparing the chapel before the service
- receiving the coffin into the chapel
- meeting the funeral party, organising the music and escorting the mourners into the chapel
- if necessary, helping to carry the coffin
- after the service, checking that the cremator (furnace or oven) is working properly
- operating the cremator
- after the cremation, removing the ashes from the cremator and storing them appropriately
- carrying out other duties, such as keeping records and helping to maintain the grounds of the crematorium.

### Pay

Salaries are usually on the scales of local government manual workers. Overtime might be available. 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 tend to be around £16,000 a year, rising to over £23,000 a year with experience.

### Conditions

- Shifts are usually between 8.00am and 6.00pm but you may have to work late, and weekends.
- You have to stand a lot and sometimes bend, lift and carry.
- You work mainly indoors but might have some gardening duties.
- You wear a dark, smart suit for chapel work, and protective overalls when working with the cremator.

### Getting In

- Personal qualities are more important than educational qualifications.
- You must hold or be willing to undergo a course to obtain the Cremation Technicians Training Scheme (CTTS).
- It helps if you have experience of working with the public.
- Basic administrative and IT skills are useful.
- There are jobs both with the local authority and with private companies.

- You may need a driving licence for some posts.

Vacancies appear in newspapers and on the local government website: [www.myjobscotland.gov.uk](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk) and [Find a Job](#) website.

## What Does It Take

You should be:

- mature, tactful and discreet
- respectful towards different religious beliefs
- able to follow instructions
- aware of health, safety and hygiene requirements
- able to work on your own
- a good organiser
- able to communicate with a wide range of people.

## Training

- You would complete the Crematorium Technicians Training Scheme (CTTS) offered by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM).
- Training is mainly on the job.
- The ICCM also offer a diploma for cemetery or crematorium managers.

## Getting On

- If you have completed the Diploma run by ICCM, you could apply for crematorium manager jobs.
- There are good prospects, although you might have to move to other areas for promotion.
- You can also work in administration, starting as an office junior and rising to the level of registrar.

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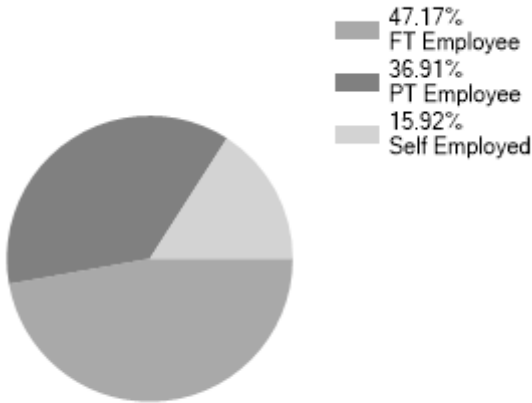
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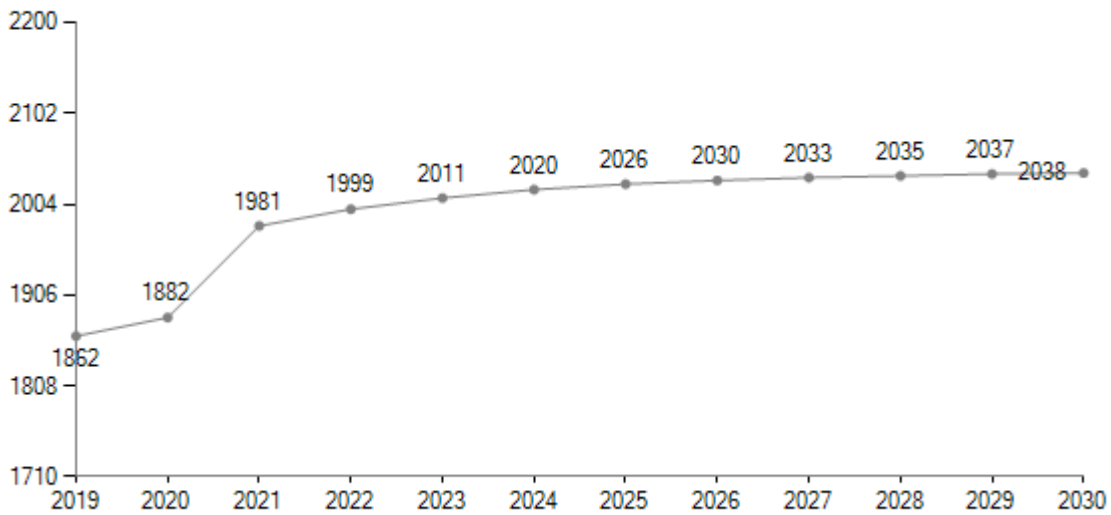


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