

## Swimming Teacher

Swimming teachers help people of all ages and abilities to learn to swim, and improve their technique.

### The Work

You could be:

- teaching a group of individuals to swim
- giving one-to-one lessons
- planning a block of lessons to suit the correct level and standard for individuals or groups
- correcting a swimmer's technique and suggesting ways to improve
- teaching basic lifesaving skills
- assessing individuals and giving regular feedback
- doing administrative duties for class bookings and payment
- handing out certificates and badges for successful completion of a level.

### 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.

Most swimming teachers are paid an hourly rate. This can range from £10.00 to £15.00 an hour. Experienced teachers can earn more. Self-employed teachers can charge up to £30.00 an hour for private lessons.

### Conditions

- You would work at leisure centres, schools or private health clubs.
- A lot of work would be in the evenings or weekends.
- Part time work is common.
- You may have to travel around to different locations.

### Getting In

- You do not need formal qualifications from school.
- The first qualification you need is the STA ([Swimming Teachers' Association](#)) Level 2 Award in Teaching Swimming. You must be aged 16 or over.
- Scottish Swimming launched the new Scottish Swimming Teacher Qualification (SSTQ) on 1 April 2019. This is the new industry standard for those wishing to teach unsupervised.
- You will require a satisfactory criminal record check from [Disclosure Scotland](#) to show that you are suitable for this type of work. Contact Disclosure Scotland for details on the type you would need.

## What Does It Take

You need to be:

- patient and understanding
- energetic and enthusiastic
- able to motivate and encourage
- good at explaining things
- flexible and willing to travel around.

You need to have:

- excellent communication skills
- ability to organise your own workload
- a good understanding of health and safety procedures.

## Training

- After completing the STA Level 2 Award in Teaching Swimming (or equivalent qualification), you would be able to teach up to 12 non-swimmers through to improvers on your own.
- To be allowed to teach the full range of lessons up to advanced on your own, you must then complete the STA Level 2 Certificate in Teaching Swimming. You must be aged 16 or above. This qualification meets the CIMSPA employer-led Swimming Teacher Professional Standard.

## Getting On

- You may wish to do a specialised training courses, for example, teaching those with disabilities or baby and pre-school learners.
- You could take a Level 3 qualification with STA or UKCC.
- You could train as a swimming coach by completing the UKCC Level 2 or 3 in Coaching Swimming.
- You could become self-employed and offer private lessons or run your own swimming academy.
- To remain as an STA approved swimming teacher, you must keep your skills and knowledge up to date with continuous professional development (CPD).

## More Information

For more information please see organisations listed below:

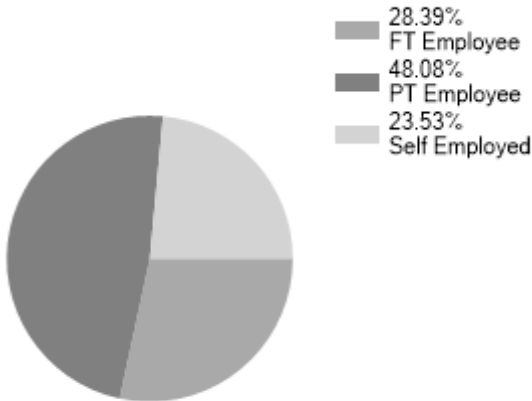
- [Royal Life Saving Society \(RLSS\)](#)
- [Scottish Swimming](#)
- [UK Coaching](#)

## Contacts



Statistics

Employment Status UK %

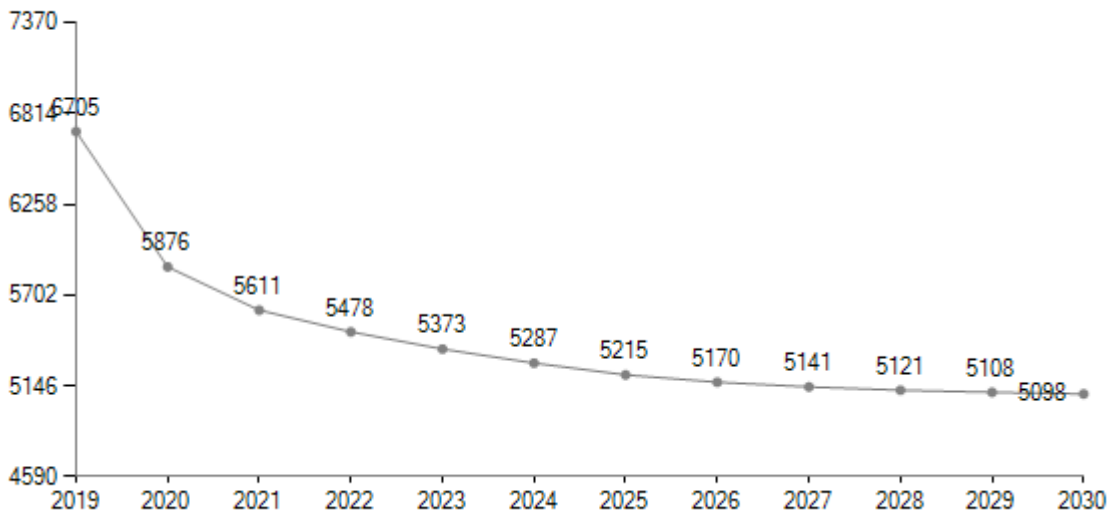


Past Unemployment - Scotland

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Predicted Employment in Scotland



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