

Vehicle Examiner

A vehicle examiner works for the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). They conduct inspections of various motor vehicles, including large goods vehicles, cars and coaches.

The Work

You could be:

- carrying out inspections of all types of vehicles to ensure they are safe to drive
- issuing prohibition notices where a vehicle is unsafe to be on the road
- collecting evidence when vehicles don't comply with the law and when necessary, issuing documents such as fixed penalty notices and test certificates
- monitoring the MOT testing scheme by investigating complaints and writing reports
- preparing paperwork for any prosecutions that take place against operators or drivers who break the law
- answering technical queries from customers and offering advice and guidance on meeting regulations
- ensuring all health and safety procedures are followed.

Pay

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

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

The starting salary for a vehicle examiner is £26,780 plus £2,950 technical payment. If working in London or Aberdeen, you get an extra allowance on top of the basic salary.

The salary can rise with experience.

Conditions

- You could be working at roadside locations, motorway services, as part of a mobile patrol, at MOT centres and at accident sites. Following a collision.
- You could be working outdoors in all weathers.
- You might have to work in cramped and uncomfortable positions.
- You might work shifts, including evenings, nights and weekends.
- You would wear a uniform and sometimes protective clothing.
- You may have to deal with difficult people.

Getting In

- Entrants are usually qualified motor vehicle technicians, with the appropriate SVQ at SCQF Level 7 or equivalent qualification (see Motor Vehicle Technician), including relevant work experience.

- To train as a motor vehicle technician, you do not always need formal qualifications but many employers look for English, Maths and a science or technological subject at National 4.
- You could study the Foundation Apprenticeship in Automotive (SCQF Level 4) in S3-S6, which can help to get into a relevant Modern Apprenticeship.
- You may have to take an aptitude test.
- You would need a clean driving licence.
- 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.
- You would need to meet the Credibility of Witness Standards in the event of representing the DVSA in court.

What Does It Take

You need to be:

- able to work in a team and alone
- able to manage your own workload
- accurate in your work
- able to pay attention to detail
- responsible
- safety conscious
- resilient.

You need to have:

- excellent written and oral communication skills
- IT skills
- an interest in motor vehicles
- good concentration skills
- practical skills
- an up-to-date knowledge of relevant regulations.

Training

- You will already be a qualified motor vehicle technician with some experience.
- You would undergo extensive training with the DVSA for all aspects of the role.

Getting On

You may be able to move into a management role.

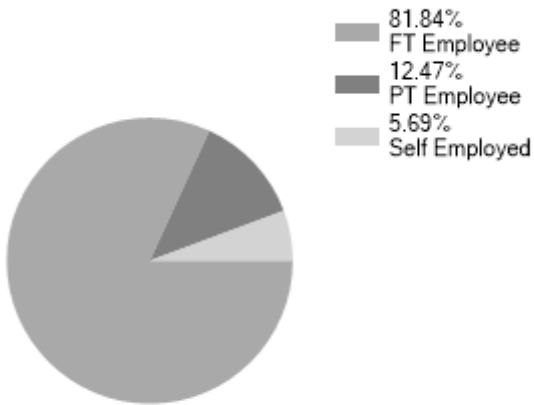
Contacts

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA)

Website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-standards-agency

Statistics

Employment Status UK %



Past Unemployment - Scotland

No Claimant statistics available for Scotland.

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Predicted Employment Statistics : Not available this career.