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NATIONAL NEWS

Rise in National Living Wage

Good news for workers on the minimum wage in that a pay rise from next April will see the hourly rate increase from £8.91 to £9.50 per hour. The 6.6% increase in the minimum pay rate is for those aged over 23.

Other rates will also increase from 1st April as per the table below:

National Living Wage for over-23s: From £8.91 to £9.50 an hour
National Minimum Wage for those aged 21-22: From £8.36 to £9.18
National Minimum Wage for 18-20 year olds: From £6.56 to £6.83
National Minimum Wage for under-18s: From £4.62 to £4.81
The Apprenticeship Rate: From £4.30 to £4.81

The apprentice rate will see the biggest rise of 51p, followed by the minimum wage rates for 21 - 22 year olds which will rise by 9.8%. People aged 23 and over will also see their hourly pay rising to £9.50. As a result, the apprentice rate will be equivalent to the minimum wage for 16-17year-olds, while the difference between the national living wage and the minimum wage for 21 - 22 year olds will narrow.

Pret a Manger expansion plans

Restaurant chain Pret a Manger have announced they are to open 200 new restaurants across the UK over the next two years.

Multiply – Basic Numeracy upskilling announcement

The government have announced the launching of personalised maths coaching to improve the maths of thousands of adults across the UK. With over eight million adults in England with low numeracy skills, Multiply is aimed at improving basic numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training and flexible courses.



[A career in the music industry](#)

UK music industry has created a [resource pack](#) to help people who wish to work in the music industry. This is a comprehensive resource, packed with information on accessing potential career paths within the industry.

[HGV licence bootcamps](#)

In order to cope with the demand for HGV Drivers the Government have sent up bootcamps to enable people to train for their Cat C or Cat C&E licence, which is required to drive vehicles weighing over 3,500kg. To find a list of participants in the scheme so far visit this [link](#).

[Job creation with Tree planning projects](#)

A 'Trees Call to Action Fund' has been set up offering grants to projects across England to create woodlands and create jobs.

[Hospitality staff required by Hilton hotels](#)

1,900 new hospitality staff are being sought by Hilton Hotels including 600 temporary roles and 1,300 permanent vacancies.

[Emirates airline are recruiting](#)

Emirates airline plans to recruit more than 6,000 staff over the next six months including additional pilots, cabin crew, engineering specialists and ground staff. The recruitment drive includes a requirement for 600 qualified pilots interested in joining the global airline's Flight Operations team based in Dubai. Emirates also aims to reinforce its engineering team, by hiring 1,200 technical staff, comprising aircraft engineers and engineering support staff, to be based in Dubai and outstations.

[Fourth year for NHS recruitment drive](#)

The NHS have launched a recruitment drive for careers in nursing, allied health professional and healthcare support worker roles.



[Engineers need to turn UK heating systems green](#)

40,000 new engineers are needed to ensure the country's heating systems turn green according to British Gas parent company Centrica. The company are creating 3,500 engineering apprenticeships over the next ten years.

[Latest employment statistics for disabled people](#)

The latest statistics for the employment of working-age disabled people have been published by the Office of National Statistics. For the main points please click on the [link](#).

[Rolls-Royce to create jobs with Nuclear reactors for electricity production](#)

As COP 26 seeks a resolution to climate change the UK government has announced funding for Rolls-Royce to enable the creation of the Rolls-Royce Small Modular Reactor (SMR) business. It is hoped the new company could create up to 40,000 jobs by 2050, across the UK, in providing up to 16 reactors for electricity production.

[Occupations in demand](#)

According to the latest statistics from the Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) there is a high demand for Driving Instructors, Prison Officers and Forklift Truck Drivers.

[Labour Market information from the Office of National Statistics](#)

The number of job vacancies in August to October 2021 continued to rise to a new record of 1,172,000, an increase of 388,000 from the pre-coronavirus pandemic January to March 2020 level, with 15 of the 18 industry sectors showing record highs. Both single month vacancies and Adzuna's online job advert estimates reached record levels of vacancy numbers in October 2021.

[Lidl highest paying supermarket](#)

The BBC reports on the announcement by Lidl of their intended pay rises from next March - "Entry-level wages will increase from £9.50 to £10.10 an hour outside of London and £10.85 to £11.30 within the M25 from March 2022, with colleagues earning up to £11.40 and £12.25 respectively, depending on length of service," Lidl said.

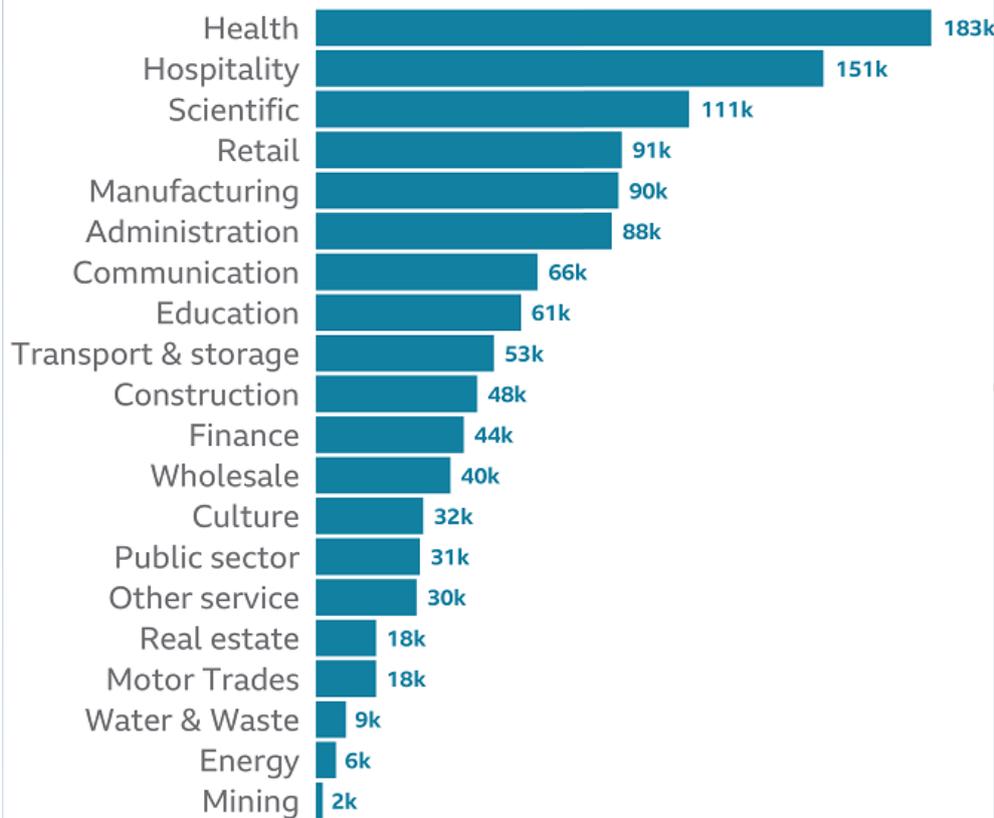


Who is recruiting?

The BBC report on the latest recruitment data from the Office of National Statistics for the quarter to October 2021 which shows the Health sector, Hospitality sector and Scientific sectors with the most vacancies. The report highlights the fact that there were 388,000 more vacancies than the period immediately prior to the pandemic (Jan - Mar 2020) with all but three sectors showing record highs.

Who's hiring?

Job vacancies by sector, Aug to Oct 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics



LONDON NEWS

[TfL are recruiting](#)

Transport for London (TfL) are looking for Train Maintainers throughout London with a salary of £50,363 and other benefits.

[Business confidence highest in London](#)

Confidence in business is higher in London than anywhere else in the country according to the latest Business Barometer from Lloyds Bank. According to the report 62% of businesses in the region expect to increase their staffing levels over the next year.

[Heathrow Airport recruitment drive](#)

Heathrow Airport is creating 600 jobs with the return of transatlantic travel, ahead of expected rises in passenger numbers next summer.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Explore different influences on career paths, new real-life career videos and practical ideas for getting back on your feet.

- <https://mailchi.mp/6a569488a568/new-inspiration-section-career-videos-and-resilience-tips?e=45d0a17554>
- <https://icould.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e346a6ee5519521377c501f59&id=aa07625bbf&e=45d0a17554>

Engineering and Computing

- <https://jobs.alionscience.com/>
- <https://www.itjobswatch.co.uk/jobs/uk/>
- <https://www.nolanrecruitment.com/>
- <https://www.precision-people.uk/engineering-recruitment>



- <https://www.agencycentral.co.uk/agencysearch/IT/skills/developandprogram/softwaredeveloper.htm>
- <https://www.groupnp.com/software-engineering-recruitment/>
- <https://www.welovesalt.com/jobs/job-industry/software-engineering/>
- <https://www.technojobs.co.uk/software-developer-jobs>
- <https://www.precision-people.uk/>

A career in Aviation

- www.flying-start.org
- <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/>
- www.airpilots.org/scholarships-career-and-aviation/flying-start
- www.questionline.co.uk/careers/career/drones-training
- <https://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/>

FUTURE EVENTS

- 6th – 10th December – Virtual Apprenticeship Fair - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8yFIZ7xHm5LYMkkvsOvGEis5tpnTMCCpUdqjF7R4celBftQ/viewform>
- 7th December – Understanding Higher and Technical qualifications webinar – 3.30 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UtBewJLkQhW8eKWgmUewv9
- 11th January – Understanding T Levels webinar 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm– register at
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o6lWIKe1Q7SSjOuiqxDKPA
- 25th March 2022 – Stratford Jobs Fair – Old Town Hall – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-stratford-jobs-fair-tickets-178570929457>
- 22nd April 2022 – London Jobs Fair – Twickenham Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-twickenham>



- 22nd May 2022 – Croydon Jobs Fair – Selhurst Park Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-croydon>



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