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Public Services Pathways



What could you do with a higher education qualification in public services?

- + You could choose to work in one of the uniformed services such as the armed forces or police force.
- + You could work for the government civil service in a variety of areas such as healthcare, education, democracy, unemployment, pensions, food safety, transport or environment.

Jobs with further and higher education qualifications:

- + Civil Servant
- + Probation Officer
- + Armed Forces Officer
- + Police Officer
- + Government Social Researcher

To find out more about these and other careers in public services visit these websites:

www.skillsforjustice.com

www.mod.uk

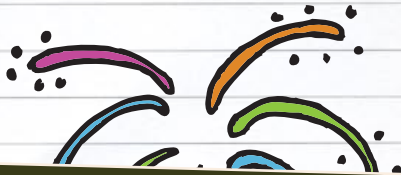
www.policecouldyou.co.uk/

www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u

www.civilservice.gov.uk



Will a career in public services suit you?



It will help if you:

- + enjoy working as part of a team
- + are prepared to work shift work and long hours
- + share the ethos and beliefs of the service you want to work for



Make sure you think about these practical things too

- + In the Armed Services, you must join for a minimum length of service. This is usually between six and 12 years, but depends on your job.
- + Your work may be dangerous and you could have to deal with very difficult situations.
- + People working in military, prison and emergency services are likely to be posted to other locations. You must be prepared to work far from home.

Remember, when you are thinking about your career and your future, higher education qualifications give you more options

There are many benefits to having a higher education qualification including:

- + The chance to find a job you really love.
- + The skills you need to get promoted and progress in your chosen career.
- + The opportunity to earn more money.
- + More choice, now and in the future. You may be happy to do one job when you are young but it may not suit you when you get older. HE qualifications can save you from getting stuck in a rut.

Find out more about the benefits of HE at www.gr8choice.org and www.learnandwork.org

What is happening in the public services sector?



- ✦ There are 5.5 million people involved in the public services sector.
- ✦ The Diploma in Public Services is a new qualification that will start from September 2010. Find out more at www.publicservicesdiploma.co.uk
- ✦ The Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force recruit 22,000 young people each year. They have a regular fighting force of 204,000 people.
- ✦ You can apply for any post in the Civil Service as long as you're a UK national. About 75 percent of Civil Service posts are open to Commonwealth citizens and nationals of any of the member states of the European Economic Area (EEA). The remainder, which require special allegiance to the state, are reserved for UK nationals.
- ✦ Some government departments offer their own graduate recruitment schemes, such as HM Revenue & Customs, HM Treasury and Highways Agency.
- ✦ The Armed Forces are the largest single provider of Apprenticeships in the UK.
- ✦ In England and Wales there are 43 police forces covering the country.
- ✦ The average wage in the Justice Sector is 50 percent higher than the UK average.

Due to the economic climate, this type of information is always changing. Find out the latest at:
www.focusoncareers.org.uk
www.skillsforjustice.com



Your pathway in public services

Here are some examples of pathways you could take to a public services career in the South West.

Uniformed Public Services
National Diploma



Police Studies Foundation
Degree*
Duchy College



Police Officer

Public Services
Advanced Diploma



Public Services with
Outdoor Education
Foundation degree*
Bridgwater College



Public Services Honours
degree
University of Plymouth

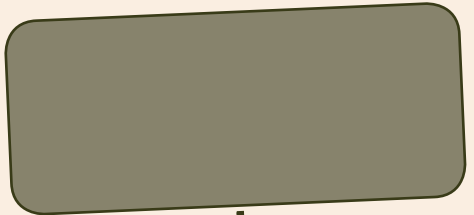


Civil Servant

*awarded by University of Plymouth

Your pathway

Use the route map below to plan your own pathway in public services.



Your dream job

More information

No matter what stage you are at there are plenty of local public services courses to choose from. Here are some of the local universities and colleges that offer higher education courses in public services. Contact them directly to find out more.

Bridgwater College

www.bridgwater.ac.uk
enquiries@bridgwater.ac.uk
01278 441234

City College Plymouth

www.cityplym.ac.uk
reception@cityplym.ac.uk
01752 305300

Cornwall College Camborne

www.cornwall.ac.uk
uni@cornwall.ac.uk
01209 616161

Duchy College

(part of Cornwall College)
www.duchy.ac.uk
uni@duchy.ac.uk
01579 372233

Exeter College

www.exe-coll.ac.uk
info4u@exe-coll.ac.uk
0845 111 6000

Somerset College of Arts and Technology

www.somerset.ac.uk
enquiries@somerset.ac.uk
01823 366331

South Devon College

www.southdevon.ac.uk
enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk
Freephone 08000 380123

Strode College

www.strode-college.ac.uk
university@strode-college.ac.uk
01458 844444

Truro and Penwith College

www.truroopenwith.ac.uk
heinfo@truro-penwith.ac.uk
01872 267122

University of Plymouth

www.plymouth.ac.uk
prospectus@plymouth.ac.uk
01752 585858

More local further education courses

Local schools, colleges and private training providers also offer further education courses in public services. To search for more courses visit www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus

More higher education courses

To see the public services higher education courses available across the UK visit www.ucas.com

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