

Sector Skills Councils

Sector Skills councils provide labour market intelligence on jobs and skills. Sector skills councils are the 'voice' of their employers on skills issues. As part of its work each Sector Skills Council produces a wealth of intelligence on skills, jobs and employment trends for their sector. There are currently **25** Sector Skills Councils covering a wide range of industries.

Energy and Utilities Skills

Energy & Utilities Skills (EU Skills) is the Sector Skills Council for Electricity, Gas, Waste Management and Water Industries.

EU Skills works with employers to highlight the skills issues facing the energy and utilities sector. They also work with employers on their qualifications strategy, support the development of vocational learning and promotes sector entry and career development.

Currently they are experiencing severe skills shortages due to their ageing workforce and the demands on the utilities by the public. The sector currently employs 530,000 so there is a wide variety of opportunities available. Demand is high for skilled Engineers, Technicians, Scientists, Operatives and Customer Care Staff.

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Go Skills

Go Skills is the Sector Skills Council for Passenger Transport. They work together with employers and operators in industries such as aviation, bus, coach, light rail, community transport, taxi and private hire, transport planning and driver training.

Go Skills provides information and advice on issues affecting the passenger transport industries especially those relating to skills, training and qualifications. Their business advisers are able to give advice on funding and training.

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Proskills

Proskills is the Sector Skills council for Building Products, Coatings, Extractive and Minerals processing, Furniture, Furnishings and Interiors, Glass and Glazing and Paper and Print Industries.

Proskills work in partnership with employers to ensure that current and future workforces are equipped with the skills the industry requires and that the training provision meets demand.

Proskills has a dedicated careers website **www.prospect4u.co.uk**

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Skills for Care and Development

Skills for Care and Development is the Sector Skills Council for Social Care, Children, early years, and young peoples work forces in the UK.

They work in alliance with the Care council for Wales, Children's Workforce Development Council, General Social Care Council, Northern Ireland Social Care Council, Scottish Social Services and Skills for Care.

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Construction Skills

Construction Skills is the Sector Skills Council for the whole Construction Industry from craft to the professions. They work in partnership with CITB Construction Skills, the Construction Industry Council and CITB Northern Ireland.

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People 1st

People 1st is the Sector Skills Council for Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism. They provide up to date LMI and look to develop qualifications, training and development for new and existing entrants to the profession.

www.people1st.co.uk

Spring Board work alongside People 1st and look to provide a range of programmes and activities through their centres to 16 – 18 year olds, graduates, unemployed, returners to work and career changers.

Springboard Careerscope is a virtual careers advice and guidance centre; dedicated to showcasing the Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism industries and providing honest, accurate, guidance to all. They provide impartial careers advice and guidance, course and careers information and literature, CV writing, tips for interview preparation and improving employability, helps clients to meet potential employers, put clients in touch with the right people, be that industry or training and help clients to access work experience.

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www.springboarduk.org.uk (For all age Groups)

There is also another website that assists with entrants and existing workers within the Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism sector:

www.ukskillspassport.co.uk (For all age Groups)

UK Skills Passport are able to help with the following:

- Highlight the Good Employers in the sector in The Good Employer Guide
- Show vacancies with Good Employers and allow candidates to apply
- Illustrate career opportunities in the sector via the Career Map
- Help plan a candidates pathway to getting ahead and how to achieve this
- Identify the skills and qualifications needed to help a candidate get ahead
- Discover whether a candidate may be eligible for funding

Skills Active

Skills Active are the Sector Skills Council for Sport and Recreation, Health and Fitness, the outdoors, play work and the caravan industry. SkillsActive works with all five sectors to increase the demand for, the quality and the supply of skills provision, to bring all areas together in collaboration, and to lobby funding agencies and policy makers for improvements to the sector.

SkillsActive is an organisation that links employers with training providers, policy makers and individuals to ensure that the importance of skills needs are communicated and addressed, and that workforce development policies really get to the heart of what the active leisure and learning sector needs.

Skills Active also have a dedicated careers website:

www.skillsactive.com/careers/

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Semta

Semta is the Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technology.

Through labour market intelligence, identifying skills needs at all levels and influencing the UK's education and learning infrastructure, Semta aims to increase the competitiveness of the science, engineering and manufacturing technologies sectors.

They represent the following areas: Automotive, Bioscience, Electrical, Electronics, Maintenance, Marine, Mathematics, Mechanical Metals and Engineered Metal Products and Aerospace.

Also available are Engineering and Technology Board (ETB) who provide career information for this sector.

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Cogent

Cogent is the Sector Skills Council for Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Nuclear, Oil and Gas, Petroleum and Polymers.

Cogent's objectives are to:

- Reduce the sector's skills gaps and shortages and anticipate future needs in the Cogent industries,
- Improve productivity and business performance through specific strategic actions, based on our analysis of sectoral priorities.
- Increase opportunities to develop the productivity of the sector's workforce.
- Improve learning supply, including the development of apprenticeships, higher education and of national occupational standards.

Cogent also have their own dedicated careers website:

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Skills for Justice

Skills for Justice is the Sector Skills Council covering all employers, employees and volunteers working in the UK justice system.

They provide the support necessary to enable the justice sector to identify its current and future learning needs, to engage more effectively with learning providers in order to meet these needs with high quality development programmes, and to link the acquisition of learning to reputable and valued qualifications.

Skills for Justice also have a careers section of their website:

www.skillsforjustice.com/careers

www.skillsforjustice.com

The Institute of the Motor Industry

The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) is the Sector Skills Council for the automotive retail industry, representing over 69,000 large and small businesses across six sub sectors including vehicle maintenance & repair, roadside assistance & recovery, vehicle body & paint operations, vehicle part operations, vehicle sales and vehicle rental & leasing.

The IMI also have a dedicated careers website to gain an insight into the diverse roles available within the Retail Automotive sector. It contains information on skills, qualities and qualifications that employers look for.

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Skill Set

Skillset is the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for Creative Media which comprises tv, film, radio, interactive media, animation, computer games, facilities, photo imaging and publishing.

Skillset is the industry body which supports skills and training for people and businesses to ensure the UK creative media industries maintain their world class position. They also have careers advisors available to call for free **08080 300 900** and a careers section of their website **www.skillset.org/careers**

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Government Skills

Government Skills is the Sector Skills Council for central Government. They work with central government employers to identify the common skills needs they face.

Their overall purpose is to improve the delivery of public services by working with employers to reduce skills gaps. They cover all civil servants in departments and agencies (including those in the devolved administrations and the Northern Ireland Civil Service); staff in non-departmental government bodies not already affiliated to another SSC (around 60,000 staff); and the Armed Forces. In total, this adds up to around 800,000 staff.

For information on Careers within central government see:
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Skill Fast UK

Skill Fast UK is the Sector Skills Council for Fashion and Textiles. It covers all aspects of the clothing, footwear and textile supply-chain - except for retailing. This includes fashion designers, clothing and textile manufacturers, wholesalers and laundries/dry-cleaners.

Fashion and textiles is a dynamic sector, which has altered dramatically in recent years, with the rise of mass manufacturing in the Far East. The UK sector now focuses on world-renowned signature brand designers (such as Vivienne Westwood or Jasper Conran), luxury brands (such as Scottish cashmere), manufacturers for hi-tech specialist markets (did you know you can "weave" an aircraft wing?), and fast-turnaround producers (from pattern-piece to Marks and Spencer's shops in six weeks!). There are also many craft designer/makers working in the sector.

There are also specialist careers websites for young people and adults to use.

www.canucutit.co.uk – Information on careers within the fashion industry

www.futuretextiles.co.uk – Information on careers in textiles and science

www.skillfast-uk.org/justthejob/ - covers careers information for the fashion and textiles sector. On the site you can read job profiles, recently researched with employees from the sector, carry out a qualifications or course search, discover the skills you need to work in particular roles, and sign up for Skillfast-UK's Working Knowledge e-bulletin.

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Summit Skills

SummitSkills is the Sector Skills Council for the building services engineering sector, which represents the electrotechnical, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, refrigeration and plumbing industries.

SummitSkills is driving 'Horizon', a project to create a Sector Skills Agreement (SSA) for building services engineering. This has been developed to get employers, training providers and government working together in a commitment to improve performance, skills and quality in the sector across the UK.

www.horizon-ssa.org.uk – For more information on Horizon.

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Skills for Health

Skills for Health is the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for the UK health sector. Our purpose is to help the whole sector – including the NHS, independent and voluntary organisations - develop solutions that deliver a skilled and flexible UK workforce in order to improve health and healthcare.

Skills for Health does not offer careers IAG as a service to individuals, but works to support those delivering IAG, by working in partnership to improve information and access. An example of this is the Health Learning and Skills advice line (08000 150 850) developed in partnership with NHS Careers and Careers Advice.

www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/page/labour-market-intelligence/labour-market-information-resource – LMI information for Healthcare.

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Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK) is the Sector Skills Council responsible for the professional development of all those working in community learning and development, further education, higher education, libraries, archives and information services, and work based learning.

They are also responsible for developing the lifelong learning Sector Qualifications Strategy and set standards for occupational competence in the delivery and support of learning.

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Financial Services Skills Council

The Financial Services Skills Council (FSSC) is an independent, employer-led body representing financial services and accountancy across the UK. They are the link between industry, government and education. Their aim is to make sure that people, in this increasingly international and diverse sector, have the skills and knowledge that are essential in driving productivity and competitiveness.

The FSSC works with Careers Advisers and IAG practitioners from a range of organisations in the UK, but they are also able to provide individuals with information through their website. Although they do not provide individual careers guidance, they do offer a signposting service to help refer people to appropriate guidance providers.

They work closely with the industry and this enables them to provide specialist and accurate careers information, focusing on the skills and qualifications that people considering a career financial services and accountancy will need to demonstrate. Through their careers information, they aim to support people in making career decisions.

They have a dedicated careers website: **www.fssc.org.uk/directions**

They also have a high street based website which as career specific information on careers in finance: **<http://fssc.org.uk/highstreet2.html>**

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Asset Skills

Asset Skills is the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for facilities management, housing, property, planning, cleaning and parking.

SSCs are employer led and Government licensed organisations established to improve the skills of the UK workforce to boost productivity and competitiveness.

They work with business, public and professional bodies and learning providers to ensure the training employers need is available to meet their current and future skills requirements.

They have a careers website for 16 – 25 year olds:

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Skills for Logistics

Skills for Logistics is the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for the freight logistics industries working alongside companies involved in moving, handling or storing goods.

Skills for Logistics is a registered charity and an independent, UK-wide organisation run for employers, by employers, to tackle the skills and productivity needs of the logistics sector. It is owned and led by the industry and has the backing of over 100 of the UK's top freight transport businesses as well as the leading trade bodies. The British Association of Removers, the British International Freight Association, the Despatch Association, the Freight Transport Association, the Road Haulage Association, the Transport and General Workers Union, the UK Warehousing Association and the United Road Transport Union all support the organisation.

They have a dedicated careers section of their website:

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E-Skills UK

E-skills UK is a not-for-profit, employer-led organisation, licensed by government as the Sector Skills Council for IT and Telecoms. E-skills UK's mission is to ensure the UK has the skills it needs to compete in the global economy. e-skills UK brings together employers, educators and Government to address together the technology-related skills issues no one party can solve on its own. It provides advice, services and programmes that have a measurable impact on IT related skills development in the UK.

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Creative and Cultural Skills

Creative & Cultural Skills is the Sector Skills Council for advertising, crafts, cultural heritage, design, music, performing, literary and visual arts.

www.creative-choices.co.uk – Careers Advisor Toolkits and career planning site for people wanting to get in, or get on in, the creative and cultural industries.

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Lantra

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By working to ensure people can get the skills and training development they need, Lantra can help businesses profit, employees gain job satisfaction and people find the careers they desire

www.afuturein.com – Careers information for adults

www.ajobin.com – Careers information for young people

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Skill Smart

Skillsmart Retail is the Sector Skills Council for retail. They aim to be the authority for retail skills development and promotion, contributing to improved productivity. Their key activities include:

- Influencing governments in promoting and addressing skills needs
- Developing and promoting skills and qualifications
- Making the business case for skills to employers
- Promoting retail as a career of choice

They have a dedicated careers section within their website:

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