

## Job of the week: Interior Designer

### What is it?

**Interior Designers** create specific, coordinated styles for homes, commercial spaces, and other buildings. The main employers in this sector are design and architectural companies. However, many designers are self-employed. Your work will be divided between meeting clients and working in a studio or other workspace.

### Qualifications/Experience Required:

The preferred route is to take a degree or equivalent in interior design, interior architecture, or spatial design.

You will require 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above including English, Maths, and art related subject. 2 relevant A Levels

### What the work Involves:

Client meetings to discuss designs.  
Designing by hand and specialist CAD software  
Keeping up to date with changes to design and architecture  
Working with people on a daily basis.

### Future Prospects – Labour

#### Market Information:

There is a growing demand for interior designers, but the sector is very competitive.

#### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth  
**3.3%**

Replacement  
**39.3%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 3.3% over the period to 2027, creating 4,100 jobs. In the same period, 39.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 49,600 job openings.

### Type of person who may be suited to this job:

You will need a strong creative flair and imagination to develop original designs. You will have to be organised and have good communication skills.

### Money/Wage Guide:

Junior/Trainee - £18,000-£23,000  
Experienced - £24,000-£40,000  
Senior Designers - £45,000-£75,000  
Freelance designers set their own rate.

### Related Opportunities:

Illustrator/Technical Illustrator  
Model Maker  
Stage/Set Designer  
Visual Merchandiser

### Further Information:

British Institute of Designers:  
[www.bild.org.uk](http://www.bild.org.uk)  
Chartered Society of Designers:  
[www.csd.org.uk](http://www.csd.org.uk)  
Design Council:  
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