

## JOB OF THE WEEK

### What is it?

**Train Driver** – Train drivers operate trains on the rail network, carrying passengers and freight around the country. A train driver's main aim is to get on-board staff, passengers, and cargo to their destinations efficiently, safely and on time. They are responsible for ensuring trains leave and arrive on schedule. Your working environment may be noisy.

You may need to wear a uniform.

### Day to day tasks

- Check controls and equipment before a journey
- Drive the train between stations or freight depots.
- Speak with control centres along the route about any issues
- Follow track signalling, safety, and speed instructions.
- Leave platforms and pull into stations safely.
- Make passenger announcements.
- Control automatic doors.
- Position and hand over engines to drivers on the next shift.
- Record incidents like equipment problems, onboard issues and delays.

### Qualifications

Employers usually expect you to have **GCSEs Grades 9 – 4 in English and Maths or equivalent.**

### Salary

Starting salary for Train Drivers is around £24,000 to £65,000 for experienced train drivers. *(This is nationally)*

### Jobs and labour market

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
<b>£1,190</b>	<b>£61,880</b>
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
<b>39h</b>	<b>£31</b>

#### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth	Replacement
<b>0.3%</b>	<b>69.2%</b>

### Routes into the industry

- Apprenticeship – you can apply to a train operating company and begin a train driver advanced apprenticeship
  - Employment – You can start as a rail passenger assistant or train conductor, then apply for a trainee driver post. – *you must be at least 20 years old to apply.*
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