

Career of the Month: Actor



Minimum qualifications

an undergraduate degree



Typical salary (with experience)

£10 – 20k



Competition for places

High



Demand for this role

Medium

Actors perform in front of audiences and this can sometimes include dancing and singing as part of the role. There are opportunities for parts in dramatic plays, comedies, and musicals on stage as well as on TV and in films.

Useful skills and qualities:

Highly motivated

Inquisitive

Confident

Creative

A good communicator

A team player

Full of initiative

Happy working alone

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Things to consider



Low earnings or unstable income

Sometimes work can be irregular so you will not necessarily have a stable income.



Potential for knock-backs

The nature of the work means that you will experience a lot of rejection which may be hard to take.



Rewarding

It is a tough, demanding career to enter and stay in, but once you get regular work it can be very satisfying.



Very competitive

Acting is a competitive area so you should be truly dedicated to this career path.



Little progression opportunity

Prospects for success as an actor depend on talent, hard work and a bit of luck.

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