



Career of the Month: Cartoonist

£ Typical salary
(with experience)

£15-30k

Competition for places

High

Demand for this role

Medium

Cartoonists plan and draw original cartoons and captions. These can be single images, whole cartoon strips or entire books. You will promote and market your work, for example by sending out samples to newspapers and advertising through the internet.

Useful skills and qualities:

Creative

Full of initiative

Happy working alone

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Things to consider



Irregular work/job insecurity

As cartoonists are usually paid for individual pieces of work they have little job security, especially at the start of their careers.



Rewarding

You would have the satisfaction of creating original work and seeing it in print.



Irregular work/job insecurity

You will need to have patience while pitching your work to publishers and publications but supporting yourself through your art will be incredibly rewarding.



Isolating

The work can be isolating as many work alone.



Stressful deadlines/target-driven

If you have a regular place in a publication you will need to have projects completed to strict deadlines.

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