

Career of the Month: Estimator



 Minimum qualifications

5 GCSEs

£ Typical salary
(with experience)

£20-35K

 Competition for
places

Medium

 Demand for this role

Medium

Estimators work out how much it will cost a company to provide customers with products and services. You will research the costs of materials, labour, equipment, and transport, and gather quotes from suppliers. You will need to plan a timescale for a project and monitor it to make sure the budget is being kept to.

Useful skills and qualities:

Analytical

Technically minded

A team player

Full of initiative

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Things to consider



Strong demand

The construction industry is continuing to grow so there are plenty of jobs.



Good progression

With experience, can progress to more senior positions such as project team leader, quality assurance inspector, or contracts manager.



Well-paid

In senior roles, it is possible to earn £60,000.



Potential for knock-backs

Knock-backs are possible in this line of work. This could be due to a project over-running, exceeding a budget or suppliers letting you down. This can be very stressful.

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