

Career of the Month: Professional Footballer



Minimum qualifications

GCSEs in core subjects



Typical salary
(with experience)

£10-100k



Competition for
places

High



Demand for this role

Medium

As well as playing in competitive matches, footballers are contracted to attend regular training sessions. You will need to devote yourself to maintaining a high standard of fitness and should also pay close attention to your diet. At higher levels, players may spend time being interviewed by the media and taking part in promotional activities on behalf of their club.

Useful skills and qualities:

Highly motivated

A good communicator

A team player

Related interests:

Being Outside

Sport, Exercise & Fitness

Things to consider



Exciting projects/opportunities

Pursuing your dream to work as a professional footballer is much more exciting than a conventional job.



Very competitive

Out of all the young people who enter a club football academy, only a tiny percentage will make a long-term living from playing professionally.



Unpredictable/unstable profession

The profession is unpredictable and a bad injury has the potential to ruin your career.



Well-paid

Highly successful footballers playing in the Premier League can earn millions of pounds a year.



Relocation may be necessary

You must be willing to move geographically to join a new football team if you wish to progress in your career.

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