

Career of the Month: Helicopter Pilot



Minimum qualifications

5 GCSEs



Typical salary
(with experience)

£30-45k



Competition for
places

High



Demand for this role

Medium

Helicopter pilots carry out fuel and weather checks, keep in contact with air traffic controllers and navigate the helicopter.

Related interests:

Being Outside

Driving

Useful skills and qualities:

Highly motivated

A good problem solver

A good communicator

Full of initiative

Happy working alone

A natural leader

Things to consider



High starting costs

Helicopter training is expensive and you will need to raise a lot of money if you are unable to gain sponsorship.



Travel and long time away likely

Commercial piloting could lead you to be away from home for prolonged stretches of time, which could put a strain on your personal life.



Meet range of people

You can meet new and interesting people during the course of your career, perhaps even celebrities.



Varied work

No two days will be the same and it is exciting to be unaware of what each flight will hold.



Very competitive

Competition is intense for newly qualified helicopter pilots.

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