

Pay Packets

Different jobs require different qualifications and offer different salaries.

Read through the following case studies and write down what you think each person might earn.

Mari is a 22 year old veterinary nurse. She got ten GCSEs at grade A-C and studied for her Diploma in Veterinary Nursing while working at a local veterinary practice. Mari is now registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Mari's duties include comforting the animals, helping the vet with procedures and speaking with the owners about their pet's health.

Salary:

Elle is a 25 year old lab technician. She got ten GCSEs at grade A-C, three A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Maths at grade A-C and completed a Bio-Science degree at university.

Elle's duties include setting up experiments, collecting samples and recording and presenting her findings.

Salary:

Rahul is a 19 year old travel agent. He got ten GCSEs at grade A-C but decided not to go to college. Instead he worked in his local supermarket, and in the kitchen of a local restaurant, all of which helped to develop his personal skills.

Rahul's duties include helping customers to choose and book a holiday, collecting payments, informing customers of all the important information they need to know about their destination and making any changes to their bookings.

Salary:

Christian is a 21 year old social work assistant. He got six GCSEs at grade A-C and studied part-time at college, allowing him to gain a BTEC in Health and Social Care. He now works full-time with special needs adults.

Christian's duties include carrying out visits, assessing his clients' needs and working with other departments like housing and the NHS.

Salary:

Shania is a 26 year old prison officer. She got four GCSEs at grade A-C and has lived in the UK since she was 14 years old as a full British Citizen. Shania left school and got her first job in the prison service after passing the security and fitness test.

Shania's duties include keeping prisoners secure, maintaining security checks, preparing prisoners for release and writing reports.

Salary:

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Activity 1

- Now you have a figure for each person visit the www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk website to see if you were correct.

Remember that lots of factors can affect pay, such as qualifications and experience. Salaries are often quoted in pay brackets (e.g. £20,000-£25,000) so if your guess is within the bracket quoted it was a good estimate!

Activity 2

- As a class discuss, the different types of jobs you each want to do. Why do you want to do this type of work?
- Look up your chosen career and see what types of qualifications you need. If you don't get the qualifications you want is there another way you could get into this profession?

DID YOU KNOW?

'Gross' pay is your total pay before tax.
'Net' pay is what you actually get paid, or 'take home'.