

Career of the week



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Chef

Entry routes:

- There are no set requirements to become a chef, but employers may ask for Level 2 qualifications (like GCSEs or BTECs).
- You could then have on-the-job training, attend a culinary school which include exams or take on an apprenticeship to become a chef.

Character virtues

responsibility, resilience, creativity

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Chef salary:

UK annual median: £23, 784

Working hours:

Your working day may start in the early morning or continue late at night, and you may be expected to work longer hours depending on how busy the service is. You may work weekends and public holidays.

UK growth: +7.4% from 2020 to 2025, creating 47,729 jobs

West Midlands growth: +.3% from 2020 to 2025, creating 126 jobs

Key words

prepare, nutrition, cook, present, portion, quality, serve, hygiene, standards