



JOB of the Week



Job name: Educational Psychologist

Job description: Educational psychologists work with children and young people who are experiencing problems that hinder their successful learning and participation in school and other activities. You will support children and young people from birth to 25 years old who have a range of emotional and social issues or learning difficulties. You'll apply psychological theory and research in order to promote their emotional and social wellbeing. You'll carry out observations, questionnaires interviews and assessments to identify needs and will then offer a range of appropriate interventions including learning programmes, behaviour management strategies and mindfulness.

Tasks you will undertake in the job:

As an educational psychologist, you'll need to:

- Assess children's learning and emotional needs
- Design, develop and support therapeutic and behaviour management programmes
- Consult with multi-agency teams to advise on the best approaches and provisions to support learning and development
- Support parents, teachers and others involved with the education of children and young people
- Design and develop projects involving children and young people
- Write reports making recommendations on action to be taken
- Advise, persuade, support and negotiate with teachers, parents and other education professionals
- Attend case conferences involving multidisciplinary teams on how best to meet the social, emotional, behavioural and learning needs of the children and young people in your care
- Conduct active research
- Formulate interventions that focus on applying knowledge, skills and expertise to support local and national initiatives

Qualifications you will need for this job: To practise as an educational psychologist in the UK you must be registered with the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC), which involves training at postgraduate level. To begin training you'll normally need Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC), which is achieved by completing a psychology degree or conversion course accredited by The British Psychological Society (BPS). For a full list of GBC qualifying courses see BPS - Find an accredited course. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland, you'll then need to complete a three-year BPS-accredited Doctorate in educational psychology. The Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP) manages the recruitment process for courses in England. Courses are eligible for government funding via the Educational Psychology Funded Training (EPFT) scheme. For full information and details of eligible courses, see AEP - Training. Self-funded places are occasionally available.

Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Sectors in which Educational Psychologists would normally work: Most educational psychologists in England and Wales are employed by local authority children's services. Other employers include: colleges; community environments; NHS hospital trusts – typically in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS); nurseries; private consultancies; social enterprises; schools (public and independent sector); special units voluntary and charitable organisations such as Barnardo's or the National Autistic Society; Government agencies, local authorities, hospitals & educational institutions; medical engineering and transport industries

Type of work: You'll usually have a central office base and travel locally to schools and clients' homes as required. Opportunities are available throughout the UK. You'll usually work as part of a multidisciplinary team and will collaborate closely with teachers, social workers and doctors. Self-employment and freelance work as a consultant is an option for experienced educational psychologists. The work is more likely to be focused on individuals, or within certain sectors, such as independent schools. The work can be challenging as it involves contact with children and young people who are facing difficulties but can also be rewarding. Educational psychologists receive supervision throughout their career (support from a mentor).



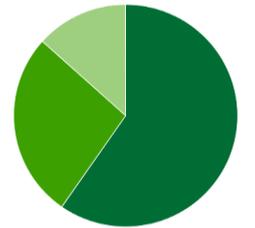
Salary: Average salary for an educational psychologist is £35 880, average salary in the UK is £28 758



Working hours: 32 average working hours in the week (37.5 working hours in the average working week).

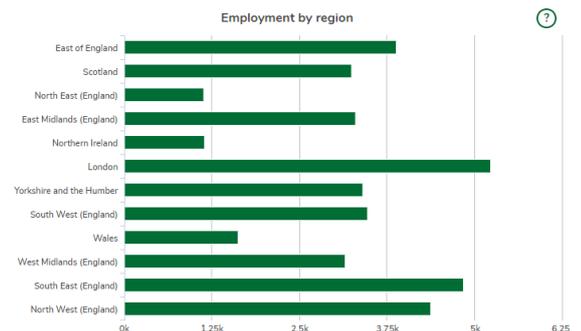
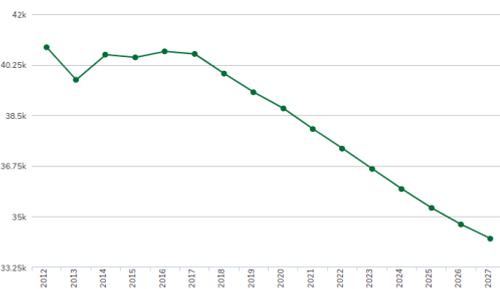
Workforce in the UK: 53% male / 47% female workforce

Top 10 industries for this job			
Retail trade	19423	Food products	9267
Wholesale trade	2937	Food & beverage services	2252



This job in the future:

The workforce is projected to contract by 11.6%, losing 4 500 jobs however, in the same period, 71% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 27,500 job opportunities.



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