



JOB of the Week



Job name: Forensic Collision Investigator

Job description: Forensic Collision Investigators use science and engineering to investigate the causes of road traffic and vehicle related incidents.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: As a Forensic Collision Investigator you'll:

- attend the scene of fatal and life-threatening road traffic collisions
- examine vehicles and vehicle parts
- create plans of the scene and make time and distance studies
- work out vehicle speed through the amount of crush damage
- check tachograph information on vehicles
- get technical information from vehicle manufacturers
- produce reports
- give evidence to the investigation team or the Courts

Career Progression

With experience, you could move into management or work on a freelance or consultancy basis.



Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Restrictions and regulations for Forensic Collision Investigators:

You will need to be over 18 years of age and have a full driving licence

Salary: Forensic Collision Investigators are typically paid a starting wage of £15 000, experienced Forensic Collision Investigators can expect to earn approximately £30 000 p.a.



Working hours: Working hours are usually around 38-40 hours per week (variable). It is likely that you will be on call (working when an incident occurs) and on shifts (often on a rota)

Qualifications to become a Forensic Collision Investigator:

You can get into this job through: a university course; working towards this role; applying directly and specialist courses run by professional bodies

University: You could get into this job by taking a course through a professional body like AiTS. Courses include: University Certificate of Professional Development (UCPD) Forensic Road Collision Investigation and Foundation Degree in Forensic Road Collision Investigation. The certificate is the starting point if you want to become a forensic road collision investigator and have no experience of investigating road collisions. You would then move on to the foundation degree. After the foundation degree, you can 'top up' to the BSc (Hons) Professional Studies in Forensic Road Collision Investigation. Qualifications are offered on a part-time basis through a mix of online and classroom learning. Entry requirements: 2 or 3 A levels, including maths or science, or the UCPD in Forensic Road Collision Investigation, for the foundation degree

Apprenticeship: You could do a forensic collision investigator degree apprenticeship. Entry requirements: 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.

If you work as a police officer or insurance investigator, you may be able to take qualifications on the job in traffic collision investigation to move into this role.

Essential skills you need to show: To succeed as a Forensic Collision Investigator, the following personal skills and attributes would give you an advantage:

- knowledge of public safety and security
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- the ability to use your initiative
- excellent verbal communication skills
- analytical thinking skills
- excellent written communication skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

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