

Broadcast Engineer -

making sure television, radio and online programmes are broadcast at the right times and are high quality

Entry requirements:

You can get into this job through:

University - You will need a degree to apply for graduate training schemes. Useful subjects include:

- broadcast engineering
- broadcast technology
- electronics
- physics
- computer science

Entry requirements

You will usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above, including English and maths
- 2 to 3 A levels for a degree
- You can get started by doing a degree apprenticeship as a broadcast and media systems engineer.

Apprenticeship - This apprenticeship is a recognised qualification for Professional Registration with the Engineering Council at either ICT Technician (ICTTech) or Engineering Technician (EngTech) level.

Entry requirements

You will usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including English and maths and science
- 2 A levels including maths or science

Or you can start on an in-house engineering training scheme like the BBC's degree apprenticeship.

Skills required:

You will need:

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of computer operating systems, hardware and software
- the ability to work well with others
- broadcasting and telecommunications knowledge
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be flexible and open to change
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- knowledge of media production and communication
- being able to use a computer terminal or hand-held device may be beneficial for this job.

What you will do:

Your duties could include:

- setting up studio equipment for transmission and editing
- designing and setting up audio and video circuits
- installing multimedia hardware, software and other digital broadcast technology systems
- setting up and operating links between studios and OB units
- editing programmes live as they're being transmitted or recorded
- testing and servicing equipment
- finding and repairing technical faults

Working hours, patterns and environment:

- You could work at a tv studio, at a film studio or in a workshop.
- Your working environment may mean that you'll travel often and outdoors in all weathers.
- 40 to 44 hours a week evenings and weekends occasionally

What you will earn:

• Starter: £20,000

• Experienced: £50,000

These figures are a guide.

Career path and progression:

- With experience, you could move into management.
- You could also work freelance.