



# Careers information sheet

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## Local Government

### What do Local Government Officers do?

Local Government is one of the largest employers in England. Over half the jobs in local government are in education, with 14% in social services. There are about 400 different occupations, and many of these are in corporate roles. For example, Local Government Officers work in environmental health, planning, surveying, legal work, accountancy, IT, personnel, policy and research.

There are many different service areas in local government. They are categorised into six different themes:

- Building
- Caring
- Educating
- Entertaining
- Protecting
- Supporting

Graduates are taken on by local councils in all service areas, and many required specialist qualifications. Some offer graduate training programmes in different occupational areas, as well as fast-track schemes in more general management.

Source: [LGA/jobs4u/LGcareers.com](http://LGA/jobs4u/LGcareers.com)

There are several different pathways to become a qualified Local Government Officer. Go to the Key Routes web pages for interactive versions of the following 3 possible routes –

<http://www.keyroutes.org.uk/careas/publicservice/opt-localgov.aspx>

- ROUTE 1 - Vocational learning
- ROUTE 2 - Work based learning
- ROUTE 3 - Graduate entry

### What else should I be doing?

It would help your Local Government career to:

- find out about how local government works in your area  
[www.lga.gov.uk](http://www.lga.gov.uk)
- look for work experience with a local council
- work as a volunteer with local community groups

- develop your decision making and problem solving skills
- develop your IT skills

### **Useful links**

LGjobs.com is the official recruitment website for Local Government and gives a good indication of the wide range of opportunities.

<http://www.lgjobs.com>

LGCareers.com has over 200 Local Government career descriptions.

<http://www.lgcareers.com>

The Institute of Leadership and Management offers qualifications from Levels 2 to 7 in team leading, first line management and specialist qualifications in coaching, personnel management, and business improvement.

<http://www.i-l-m.com>

The Institute of Public Sector Management offers training programmes or those already working in the Public Sector.

<http://www.ipsm.org.uk>

The Council for Administration designs and promotes vocational qualifications in Business & Administration.

<http://www.cfa.uk.com>