

Job Of The Week

31st October

FOOD SCIENTIST



Salary

The salary of a Food Scientist can range from £20,000 to £45,000

Typical Hours

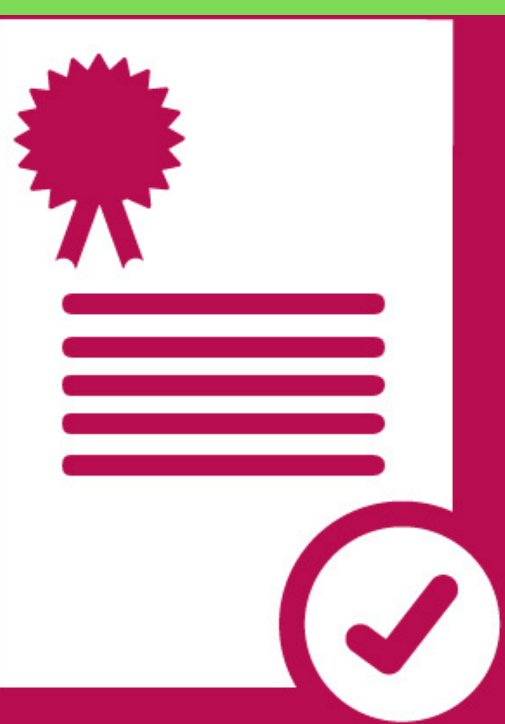
39-41 hours a week. You could work evenings



Entry Requirements

You can get into this job through:

- a university course - You'll usually need a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in Food Science, Food Studies & Food Technology. Entry requirements include - 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science, 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma, 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree or a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course
- an apprenticeship - You may be able to do a food technologist advanced apprenticeship then move on to a food industry technical professional degree apprenticeship. Entry requirements include, 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship or 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship
- working towards this role - You could start as a food technician or lab assistant with a food manufacturer and study for further qualifications while you work.



What You'll do

As a food scientist, you'll:

- provide accurate nutritional information for food labelling
- investigate ways to keep food fresh, safe and attractive
- find ways to save time and money in food making
- test the safety and quality of food

As a food technologist, you'll:

- blend new ingredients to invent and modify recipes
- conduct experiments and produce sample products
- design production processes and machinery
- source, cost and select raw materials
- investigate and resolve problems, like customer complaints or quality issues



Career Path & Progression

You could work for a range of organisations involved in researching and developing new products, including:

- food manufacturers and supermarkets
- government and university research establishments
- local authorities

You could improve your career prospects by getting Registered Scientist (RSci) or Chartered Scientist (CSci) status through the Institute of Food Science and Technology.

For more information

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