

Religious Leaders

Religious or faith leaders offer spiritual and moral guidance and lead public worship and other religious ceremonies.

Average salary (a year)



Variable

Typical hours (a week)



37 to 39

variable

You could work



evenings / weekends

managing your own hours

Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- applying directly

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of philosophy and religion
- sensitivity and understanding
- customer service skills
- leadership skills
- the ability to work well with others
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to use your initiative
- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Day-to-day tasks

Your day-to-day duties will depend on your faith. You may:

- pray and study your religion
- encourage commitment to the faith
- lead regular religious services or ceremonies
- conduct services and ceremonies for religious festivals, holy days and events such as births, marriages and deaths
- explain the meaning of your faith's teachings
- educate people who are converting to your faith
- support people at difficult times in their lives
- represent your faith within the community
- be a role model for your followers
- meet representatives of other faiths and communities
- fundraise and do admin tasks

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