

# Security Service Personnel

Security Service personnel protect the UK against threats to national security.

Average salary (a year)



£22,000

Starter

£40,000

Experienced



37 to 39  
a week

Typical hours (a week)

You could work



evenings / weekends /  
bank holidays  
on shifts

## 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 public safety and security
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to use your initiative
- complex problem-solving skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

## Day-to-day tasks

Your day-to-day duties will vary according to your role. You could:

- collect information on threats to national security
- watch and report on suspects' movements and actions
- use specialist IT or electronics equipment to record and observe activities
- make decisions about potential threats
- support and troubleshoot IT systems
- develop software systems
- provide administrative support in departments like finance or HR

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