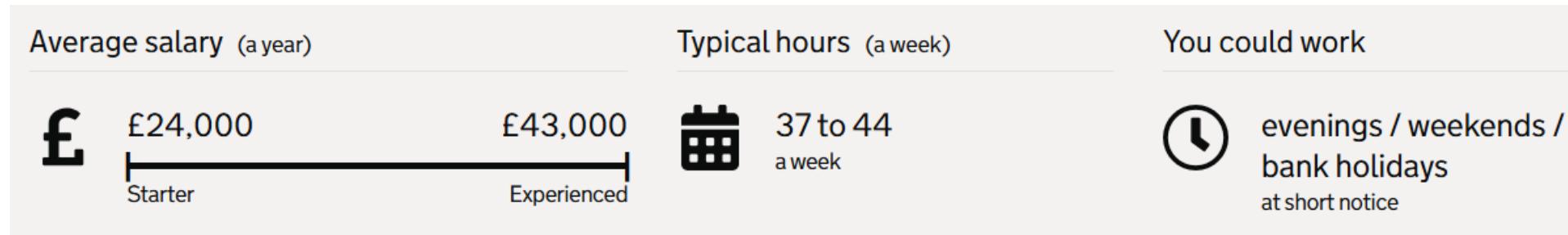


Fingerprint Officer

Fingerprint officers use manual and digital methods to identify fingerprints and marks taken from crime scenes.



Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a university course
- applying directly

Skills and knowledge

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of public safety and security
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- concentration skills
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work on your own
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

Day-to-day tasks

- attend crime scenes to collect fingerprint evidence
- take prints from bodies at incident scenes or in a mortuary
- compare prints with those of suspects, using manual and digital methods
- scan police fingerprint forms into national fingerprint database systems
- analyse prints and marks to uncover links between crime scenes
- work with forensic staff to collect traces of other evidence left by fingerprints
- eliminate prints to rule out people not under suspicion
- classify records and maintain fingerprint databases
- prepare and present evidence for investigators and for court