

## **CAREER OF THE WEEK: Baker**

### **What does a baker do?**

A baker specialises in the creation of various baked goods such as bread, pastries, and cakes. Their tasks include preparing recipes, measuring and combining ingredients, operating baking equipment, and monitoring baking times and temperatures. Additionally, bakers may be involved in dough preparation, decorating cakes and pastries, managing inventory, and ensuring the quality of ingredients and finished products. They maintain a clean work environment, perform equipment maintenance, and may engage in customer service by taking orders and providing information about baked goods. Some bakers contribute to recipe development and innovation.



Bakers can work in diverse settings such as bakeries, restaurants, hotels, or may choose to establish their own businesses. The role demands a combination of culinary skills, creativity, and good attention to detail.

### **What can I expect to earn as a baker?**

Starting salaries are usually around £18,000 to £21,000 per annum, with experience this could increase to £25,000 to £28,000, and some experienced bakers can earn over £35,000.

### **What subjects should I study to become a baker?**

There are no formal qualifications to become a baker, but food preparation and nutrition may be a useful subject to study. Some employers may ask for GCSEs in English and mathematics.

### **How can I start my career as a baker?**

There are several ways that you could start your career as a baker. You could work as a trainee or assistant baker and gain on-the-job training. You may then choose to undertake relevant training and qualifications to help you progress. You could also become a baker by completing a relevant college course, such as a Level 2 or 3 course in bakery production, or a Level 3 or 4 course in bakery skills, and then apply for work. Alternatively, you could start your career as a baker by completing an intermediate or advanced baker apprenticeship.

To research local education and training opportunities that could lead to a career as a baker, visit our partner website [www.logonmoveon.co.uk](http://www.logonmoveon.co.uk)

### **Useful websites to find out more about a career as a baker:**

Federation of Bakers <https://www.fob.uk.com/careers-baking-industry/>

The National Skills Academy for Food & Drink <https://nsafd.co.uk/>

Tasty Careers <https://tastycareers.org.uk/>

National Careers Service <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/baker>

