

# CAREER PROFILE

## DESIGN MANAGER

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### What do they do?

The Design Manager co-ordinates the design process across the entire construction process. They will ensure all necessary information is shared across the design and project teams, to ensure the project is delivered to the Client's expectations.

### Day to day activities may include:

- Overseeing, motivating and encouraging internal and external design teams
- Ensuring structural drawings and designs are produced on time, to a high quality, and are easy to decipher
- Overseeing the design process using technical expertise
- Identifying and avoiding errors and reducing financial risk during construction
- Working with Clients to ensure that their expectations are met
- Reducing health & safety risks in the design
- Ensuring designs are available to those who require them in a timely manner, whilst maintaining thorough documentation and audit trails of the design process
- Ensuring the design complies with building legislation and codes of practice relating to design

### Routes to become a Design Manager

There are various routes to become a Design Manager these include:

- University - BSc in Design & Construction Management

- College - BTEC Building Studies, Building Engineering/Management - HNC/HND in Construction Management or Architecture
- Direct Employment with training

### Skills required

- Strong technical ability - design skills and knowledge
- Full understanding of design, legal and commercial issues
- Able to offer new ways of doing things
- High attention to detail
- Analytical thinking skills
- Able to use own initiative
- Persistence and determination
- Excellent team working and communications skills
- Leadership and motivational skills
- Competent in design software packages

### Career path and progression

Progression into Building Information Modelling (BIM) or Project Director.

### Salary

Salaries for this role are dependent on experience.

Examples are as follows:

- Newly trained Design Manager £25,000 - £30,000
- Trained with experience Design Manager £30,000 to £60,000
- Senior, Chartered or Master Design Manager £70,000 to £90,000

### Working hours and environment

Standard hours Monday to Friday - occasional overtime to meet deadlines.

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