

Job of The Week

Bodyguard

Key Skills

- knowledge of public safety and security
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- concentration skills
- physical fitness and endurance
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- leadership skills

Salary

£17,000 - £50,000

Working hours

37 – 51

Evenings/weekends/
bank holidays/ away from
home

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Career path and progression

Look at progression in this role and similar opportunities. With experience, you could specialise in surveillance, driving or residential security, or move into risk assessment consultancy work.

Day to Day tasks:

Your duties could include:

- prevent potential threats or disruption
- drive clients to and from venues
- accompany clients on business and social visits
- check out and secure premises before clients arrive
- stay constantly alert to react to threatening situations
- identify suspicious behaviour or unauthorised people
- protect clients from threats like terrorism, political opponents, stalkers or over-enthusiastic fans

Working conditions

You could work at a client's business or at a client's home.

Your working environment may be outdoors some of the time and you may spend nights away from home. You may need to wear a uniform.



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College

You could do a Level 3 Certificate for Working as a Close Protection Operative. You can search for approved training providers who offer this course through the Security Industry Authority.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, for a level 3.

Career tips

Many people enter this career after working in the police or the armed forces. It may be useful if you can speak more than one language for certain jobs, for example diplomatic work.

Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

- have a good level of fitness
- have a first aid certificate
- pass enhanced background checks
- be over 18 years of age
- have a Security Industry Authority licence
- have a full driving licence

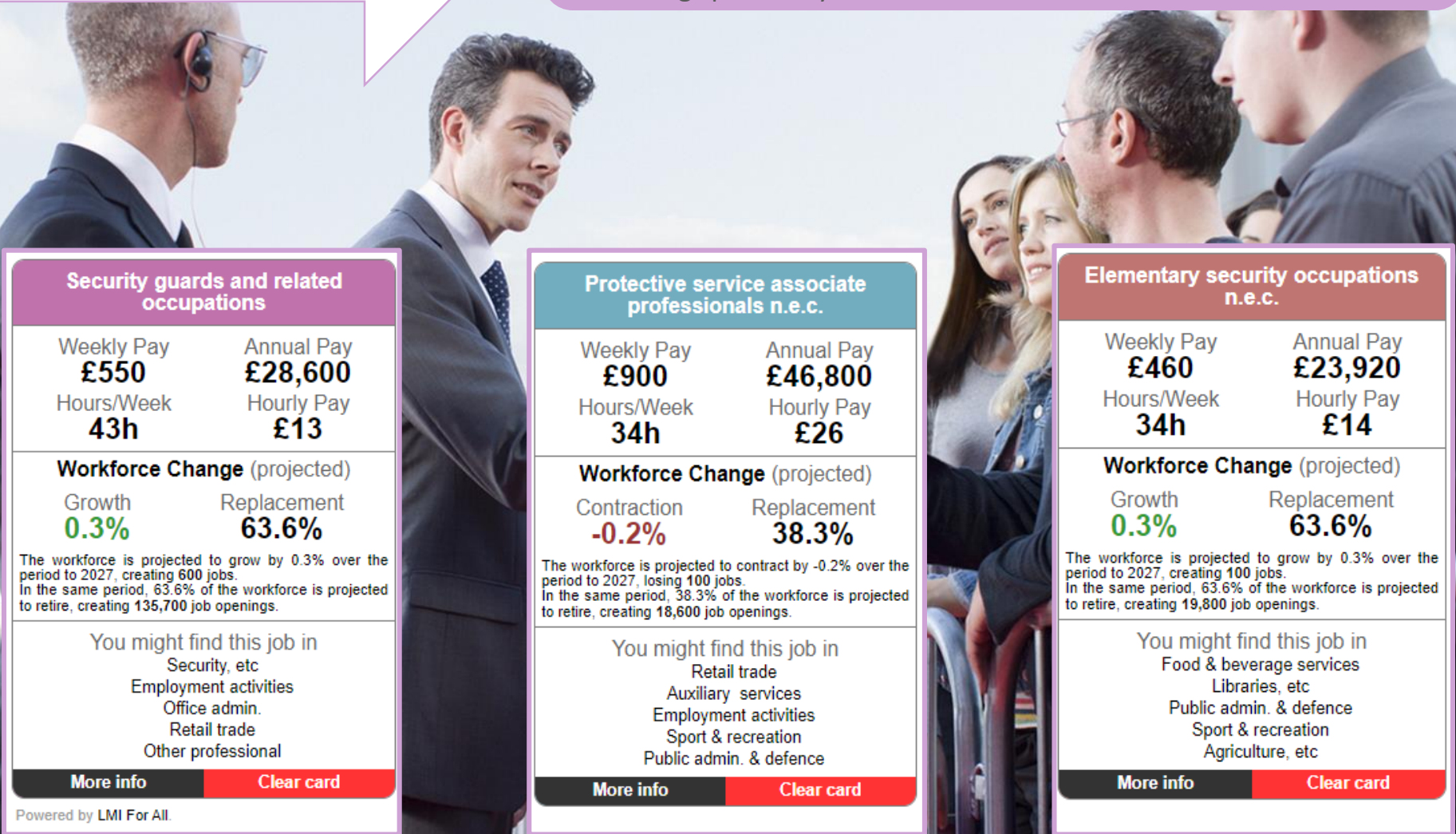
Direct Application

You can apply to an organisation directly to work as a bodyguard or go through a recruitment agency specialising in security work. You'll need a Close Protection licence issued by the Security Industry Authority.

To get a licence, you'll usually need to have completed the Level 3 Certificate for Working as a Close Protection Operative. If you've previously done older security qualifications, check whether they are still acceptable. If you need additional training you can find an approved training provider.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.



Security guards and related occupations	
Weekly Pay £550	Annual Pay £28,600
Hours/Week 43h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.3%	Replacement 63.6%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.3% over the period to 2027, creating 600 jobs. In the same period, 63.6% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 135,700 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Security, etc Employment activities Office admin. Retail trade Other professional</p>	
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Protective service associate professionals n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay £900	Annual Pay £46,800
Hours/Week 34h	Hourly Pay £26
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -0.2%	Replacement 38.3%
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -0.2% over the period to 2027, losing 100 jobs. In the same period, 38.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 18,600 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Retail trade Auxiliary services Employment activities Sport & recreation Public admin. & defence</p>	
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Elementary security occupations n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay £460	Annual Pay £23,920
Hours/Week 34h	Hourly Pay £14
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.3%	Replacement 63.6%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.3% over the period to 2027, creating 100 jobs. In the same period, 63.6% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 19,800 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Food & beverage services Libraries, etc Public admin. & defence Sport & recreation Agriculture, etc</p>	
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Labour Market Information



Elementary security occupations n.e.c.

Workers in this unit group perform a variety of elementary security occupations not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 924: Elementary Security Occupations.

- Common tasks in this job:
- serves summonses and, on court authority, takes possession of goods to the value of outstanding debt;
 - accepts payment on behalf of court and issues receipts;
 - ejects persons in illegal occupation of premises;
 - watches for illegal fishing or attempted smuggling;

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Security guards and related occupations

Workers in this unit group protect merchandise, individuals, hotels, offices, factories, public grounds and private estates from injury, theft or damage, and investigate fraud and crime on a non-statutory basis.

- Common tasks in this job:
- investigates crimes, trading practices and the private affairs of individuals;
 - walks or rides near person requiring protection, watches for suspicious occurrences and defends guarded person from attack;
 - monitors and patrols hotels, factories, offices and other premises, forests, parks, and public or private estates to prevent theft and unauthorised entry;
 - checks persons and vehicles entering and leaving premises, establishes their credentials and arranges for escorts for visitors;

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Protective service associate professionals n.e.c.

Workers in this unit group inspect goods to ensure compliance with regulations concerning payment of duty, establish that persons entering and leaving the UK have necessary authorisation for crossing national borders, monitor maritime conditions, undertake search and rescue operations, plan and coordinate services of private detection agencies and security measures for individuals, establishments or organisations, and perform other security and protective service occupations not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 331: Protective Service Occupations.

- Common tasks in this job:
- examines, weighs and counts goods imported by ship or aircraft, ensures that the declared value of goods is satisfactory and that duties and taxes have been paid;
 - examines passports, visas, work permits and other immigration documents, and allows or refuses entry into the UK;
 - maintains revenue control at breweries, tobacco factories and other premises where dutiable goods are manufactured, processed or stored;
 - visits racecourses, greyhound stadiums and betting shops to ensure compliance with legal

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Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

One of the world's top female Bodyguards



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQjybZPijZ0&p=ygUQYm9keWd1YXJklGNhcmVlcg%3D%3D>

SIA Close Protection Licence Course



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tr0yM05qy8&pp=ygUYZ2xvc2UgcHJvdGVjdGlubiB0cmFpbmluZw%3D%3D>

How To Become A Close Protection Officer?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag7B872Y8fU>

The Princess of Wales' loyal Bodyguard was awarded



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEhur1-PXvo&pp=ygUQcm95YWwgYm9keWd1YXJkcw%3D%3D>

Useful Websites

[Bodyguard | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[What does a bodyguard do? – CareerExplorer](#)

[Find out if you need an SIA licence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Guards \(mod.uk\)](#)

[Level 3 Certificate in Close Protection \(cwc.ac.uk\)](#)