

Job of The Week

Landscape architect

Key Skills

- Maths knowledge
- customer service skills
- design skills and knowledge
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of building and construction
- the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently
- knowledge of English language
- the ability to use your initiative

Salary

£20,000 - £45,000

Working hours

35 – 40
per week

Evenings / weekends/
occasionally

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College

You could do a college course to start training to become a landscape architect.

You could do a level 3 certificate or diploma in landscape construction or horticultural practice.

Entry requirements

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

Postgraduate course

If you already have a degree in a related subject like architecture, horticulture or botany, you might be able to do a postgraduate course that is accredited by the Landscape Institute.

University

You could do a degree that is recognised by the Landscape Institute

Subjects include:

- landscape architecture
- garden design
- landscape design and technology
- landscape or urban planning
- environmental conservation

Apprenticeship

You could do a Chartered Landscape Professional Level 7 Degree Apprenticeship.

This apprenticeship usually takes 5 years to complete and is a mix of learning on the job and academic study.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship



Career path and progression

Look at progression in this role and similar opportunities.

With experience you could:

- become a landscape architect supervisor or manager
- become a partner in a private practice
- set up your own landscape practice
- do a teaching qualification and become a higher education lecturer of landscape architecture at a university

Day to Day tasks:

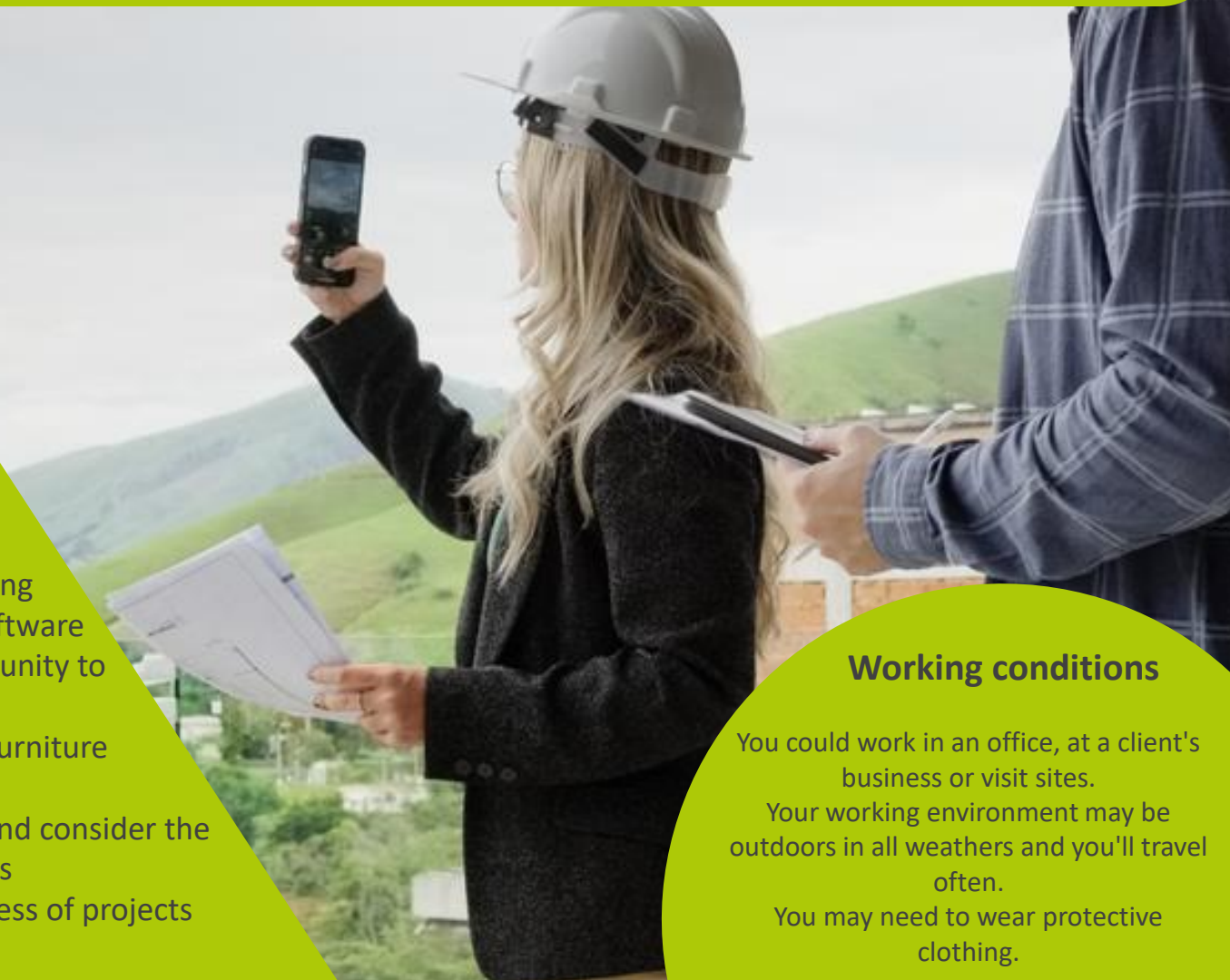
- survey areas to find out what is needed
- create designs to meet briefs using computer aided design (CAD) software
- meet with clients and the community to involve them in the design
- choose construction materials, furniture and plants for the space
- create contracts, write reports and consider the environmental impact of projects
- visit sites and monitor the progress of projects

Working conditions

You could work in an office, at a client's business or visit sites.

Your working environment may be outdoors in all weathers and you'll travel often.

You may need to wear protective clothing.



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'.

Architects

Weekly Pay £940	Annual Pay £48,880
Hours/Week 31h	Hourly Pay £30

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth 2.4%	Replacement 54.3%
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The workforce is projected to grow by 2.4% over the period to 2027, creating 1,700 jobs.
In the same period, 54.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 37,700 job openings.

You might find this job in
Architectural & related
Services to buildings
Membership organisations
Specialised construction

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Gardeners and landscape gardeners

Weekly Pay £440	Annual Pay £22,880
Hours/Week 79h	Hourly Pay £6

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth 3.2%	Replacement 98.1%
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The workforce is projected to grow by 3.2% over the period to 2027, creating 4,700 jobs.
In the same period, 98.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 143,000 job openings.

You might find this job in
Agriculture, etc
Sport & recreation
Computer programming, etc
Other personal service
Specialised construction

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Horticultural trades

Weekly Pay £470	Annual Pay £24,440
Hours/Week 75h	Hourly Pay £6

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth 2.5%	Replacement 97.4%
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The workforce is projected to grow by 2.5% over the period to 2027, creating 400 jobs.
In the same period, 97.4% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 15,100 job openings.

You might find this job in
Agriculture, etc
Retail trade

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Labour Market Information

Architects

Architects plan and design the construction and development of buildings and land areas with regard to functional and aesthetic requirements.

Common tasks in this job:

- liaises with client and other professionals to establish building type, style, cost limitations and landscaping requirements;
- studies condition and characteristics of site, taking into account drainage, topsoil, trees, rock formations, etc.;
- analyses site survey and advises client on development and construction details and ensures that proposed design blends in with the surrounding area;
- prepares detailed scale drawings and specifications for design and construction and submits these for planning approval;

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Gardeners and landscape gardeners

Gardeners and landscape gardeners cultivate flowers, trees, shrubs and other plants in public and private gardens, construct features to improve the appearance of existing terrain, and cut and lay turf.

Common tasks in this job:

- levels ground and installs drainage system as required;
- prepares soil and plants and transplants, prunes, weeds and otherwise tends plant life;
- protects plants from pests and diseases;
- cuts and lays turf using hand and machine tools and repairs damaged turf;

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Horticultural trades

Horticultural trades workers intensively cultivate vegetables, plants, fruit, shrubs, trees and flowers in greenhouses, market gardens, nurseries and orchards.

Common tasks in this job:

- prepares soil in field, bed or pot by hand or machine;
- mixes soil, composts, fertilisers and/or organic matter and spreads fertiliser and manure;
- sows seeds and bulbs and transplants seedlings;
- propagates plants by taking cuttings and by grafting and budding, applies weed-killer, fungicide and insecticide to control pests and diseases;

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Keep looking...

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...

Useful Websites

[Landscape architect | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Join the LI - Landscape Institute](#)

[Choose Your Career – Chooselandscape](#)

[Architecture and planning \(ucas.com\)](#)

[Landscape Architecture & Design at University for the Creative Arts – UCAS](#)

[About our Sixth Form – Bourne Academy](#)

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN PROCESS



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAA6ls0HjkQ&pp=ygUITEFO RFNDQVBFIERFU0HTIBOUk9DRVNTIFRJTUVVMQVBTRQ%3D%3D>

The Chelsea Flower Show 2023!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVp_psrBxIA&pp=ygUqBGFuZHNiYXBllGFyY2hpdGVjdHVvZSBjaGVsc2VhIGZsb3dlciBzaG93