Occupational Map: Protective Services

This is one of 15 occupational maps that group together occupations that require similar knowledge skills and behaviours. Career pathways and occupational clusters have been used to provide further grouping of occupations, with the pathways indicating options for likely career progression. Every apprenticeship standard has been captured, as well as other skilled occupations where there is a substantial requirement for technical knowledge and practical skills. This map only includes one career pathway for protective services, which captures the emergency services and similar occupations. The technical occupations in this pathway have been identified as suitable for learning via apprenticeships only, so Government does not intend to launch T levels for this route.

Occupations in green: approved for delivery
Occupations in amber: standard published
Occupations in red: standard in development
Occupations in black: occupation awaiting standard
(): the number shown in brackets is the level of the apprenticeship (if the level is known)

Career Pathway

Technical Occupations

Technical occupations: skilled occupations that a college leaver or an apprentice would be entering, that typically require qualifications at levels 2/3.



Higher Technical Occupations

Higher Technical occupations: require more knowledge and skills acquired through experience in the workplace or further technical education. They typically require qualifications at levels 4/5.



Professional Occupations

Professional occupations: occupations where there is a clear career progression from higher technical occupations, as well as those occupations where a degree apprenticeship exists.

Click here for more information on the occupations listed in this map

Protective services

Cluster: Protective Service Officer

APPRENTICESHIP ONLY Provide safety, security, prevention, enforcement, protection and investigation services largely on behalf of society.

Border and immigration officer

Business fire safety advisor (3)

Coastguard

Community safety advisor (3)

Custody and detention officer (3)

Emergency service contact handling (3)

HM forces serviceperson (public services) (2)

Operational firefighter (3)

Safety health and environment technician (3)

Security first line manager (3)

Specialist rescue operative (3)

Cluster: Protective Service Manager

Lead and manage a team providing safety, security, prevention, enforcement, protection and investigation services largely on behalf of society.

Emergency service manager

Fire inspector

Intelligence analyst (4)

Police community support officer (4)

Trading Standards Officer (4)

Cluster: Protective Service Professional

Lead and manage a whole service or event regarding safety, security, prevention, enforcement, protection and investigation services largely on behalf of society or workplace. Often requires specialist knowledge to handle complex cases.

Occupational health and safety specialist

Police constable degree (6)

Probation officer (6)

Serious and complex crime investigator (6)