

## Getting Ahead in the Utilities Industry

Once dominated by state-run monopolies, the utilities sector of the twenty first century is shifting to respond to emerging competitors who are increasingly savvy to new and evolving technologies. With a growing spotlight on renewable energy and techniques for clean energy production right through to improved water treatment and supply systems, the whole of this sector is changing. At the coalface of energy and water supply, the utilities sector is adapting to a paradigm shift in our attitudes to consumption that climate change and increased environmental awareness are bringing about and as a result it is having to meet new targets and expectations all the time.

All of these shifting factors make this is an excellent time to join the utilities sector. The excitement these challenges present are a test of the industry's adaptability and ability to perform under strict criteria. To meet with all these current trends, the industry's expectations from employees is also under revision, so that new and interesting posts are being created all the time.

As a result the industry has come up with an energy and utilities register system which allows employers to look up the various competencies of an employee at no cost and with a mind to train each of them further where necessary. Signing up for this register once you have your first qualification is one step closer to getting the job you want and the training you need.

Water jobs and those found in the energy area of the industry are facing the toughest challenges from Government and the public alike in terms of cutting carbon emissions and reducing cost. We are all aware of the sharp rise in utility bills and of how competitive the industry has become for both residential and commercial customers, and now the industry is having to work hard to introduce new ways to generate clean energy and develop new methods of production.

With the world becoming increasingly electrified as a result of low resources of fossil fuels and a water crisis that has even hit our small island in the form of summer droughts and hose pipe bans there is a lot of scope for improvement the UK and in terms of the global market in many areas of the utilities sector. In order to achieve these ends there is currently massive investment in the areas of research and development of the technology necessary to turn these trends around. If you are looking to be a part of this revolution in energy production or to help change the ways we manage water, jobs are coming on the market every day for those who seek to embrace innovation and fresh challenges every day.

Whether you're looking for water jobs, nuclear jobs or energy jobs such as [gas jobs](#) there are of course ways in which you can improve your chances of finding the job which is right for you. The best way to increase chances of employment in any of the facets of the utilities sector include obtaining qualifications specific to that area and where possible university or direct work experience.

Having an industry-standard qualification in your chosen discipline such as ISEB qualifications will also underpin your knowledge and skill in your chosen area. Since the utility industry is recruiting across the board all the time in order to meet demand, employers may also accept those who have no formal education but have undertaken an apprenticeship. Studying one of the many City and Guilds level qualifications in water treatment will allow you entry into the complex methods of water supply currently in the UK. With a foundation in Level 2 Award in Water Simple Works, for example, and with experience under your belt you'll be able to study further levels in order to handle the machinery necessary.

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