Careers in Government and Politics

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We will cover all aspects of the public sector, from central and local government, working for an MP/MSP/MEP to political organisations and lobbying. This is a large and diverse sector with many interesting opportunities for students and graduates.

The main skills required for a career in government and politics are: communication, organisation, management, teamwork, problem solving and innovative thinking. See: targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/public-service-charity-and-social-work/advice/289039-must-have-skills-for-graduate-careers-in-government

There is also useful information on the Prospects website for getting into the public services and administration sector. See: www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/public-services-and-administration

Working in Scotland

- **Scottish Parliament** [www.parliament.scot/abouttheparliament/12442.aspx](http://www.parliament.scot/abouttheparliament/12442.aspx)
- **Working for an MSP** [www.mspjobs.scot/](http://www.mspjobs.scot/)
- **Scottish Government** [www.work-for-scotland.org/](http://www.work-for-scotland.org/). There are a number of Scottish Government agencies who do their own recruitment and don't advertise on this site. Many will use the civil service Jobs website [www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk](http://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk) to recruit.
- **Scottish local authorities** [www.myjobscotland.gov.uk](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk)

National

- **Civil service** General information on Civil Service jobs are on this site [www.civilservice.gov.uk/jobs/](http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/jobs/) with a searchable vacancy system at [www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi](http://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi)
- **Fast stream** entry to the Civil Service Fast Stream for Graduates [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-stream](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-stream)
- **Foreign and Commonwealth Office job** site [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office/about/recruitment](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office/about/recruitment)
- **MI5** Internal Security [www.mi5.gov.uk/careers](http://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers)
- **MI6** Secret Service [www.sis.gov.uk](http://www.sis.gov.uk)
- **GCHQ** Communications work for linguists, political analysts and IT specialists [www.gchq-careers.co.uk/index.html](http://www.gchq-careers.co.uk/index.html)
- **Government Statistical Service** [gss.civilservice.gov.uk/](http://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/)
- **Government Operational Research Service** [www.operational-research.gov.uk/recruitment](http://www.operational-research.gov.uk/recruitment)
- National Audit Office  [www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk)
- Financial Services Authority  [www.fsa.gov.uk/about/careers](http://www.fsa.gov.uk/about/careers)
- NHS Graduate Schemes  [www.nhsgraduates.co.uk](http://www.nhsgraduates.co.uk) also useful is the Health Service Journal website  [www.hsj.co.uk](http://www.hsj.co.uk)

### Local government jobs
- Local Government  most local government jobs are advertised on a local authority website however job site  [www.lgjobs.com](http://www.lgjobs.com) does cover many areas for England.
- For Scottish Local authorities  [www.myjobscotland.gov.uk](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk) and for Northern Ireland  [www.localgovernmentjobsni.gov.uk](http://www.localgovernmentjobsni.gov.uk)

### Working in Europe
- European Commission Vacancy site  [europa.eu/epso/index_en.htm](http://europa.eu/epso/index_en.htm)
- Jobs in Brussels mostly in political think thanks, law firms, NGOs, lobbies and EU Institutions  [www.jobs-brussels.com/](http://www.jobs-brussels.com/)

### Miscellaneous sites
- Public and Voluntary Sector  On-line recruitment agency  [www.jobsgopublic.com/](http://www.jobsgopublic.com/)
- UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)  [jobs.undp.org/cj_view_jobs.cfm](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_jobs.cfm)
- National newspapers  carrying job adverts for this area include The Guardian  [jobs.theguardian.com/](http://jobs.theguardian.com/) and The Independent  [independentjobs.independent.co.uk/](http://independentjobs.independent.co.uk/)
- targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/public-service-charity-and-social-work

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