

Mersey Gateway Project

THINKING ABOUT BEING A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER?

WHAT DOES A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER DO?

If you are experienced in construction, and you can lead and motivate a team, this job could be ideal for you. Construction managers, also known as site managers or site agents, supervise and direct operations on a construction project to make sure it is completed safely, on time and within budget.

In this job you will need to be a 'people person'. You will need to be a creative problem solver. You will also need to be good at organising and planning.

Your duties may include:

- Discussing plans with architects, surveyors and buyers before building work starts
- Planning work schedules for the job, using project management software
- Preparing the site by hiring staff, installing temporary offices and taking delivery of materials
- Working closely with the site workforce once building is underway
- Monitoring progress, costs and checking quality
- Making sure the work meets legal requirements and Building Regulations
- Reporting regularly to the client

You would also be the main point of contact for subcontractors and the public. As a senior manager, you could oversee several projects at the same time.

WHAT ARE THE WORKING CONDITIONS?

You would work around 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday, possibly with some evening or weekend work to meet deadlines. Some of your time would be spent travelling between sites and meeting clients and contractors. Site work would be in all weather conditions. You may sometimes have to work at heights, for example when inspecting roofing. You would wear protective clothing on site, including safety boots and a hard hat.

WHAT SALARY COULD I EXPECT TO RECEIVE?

Construction managers can earn from £27,000 to over £45,000 a year, depending on experience. Senior managers can earn more than £70,000.

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WHAT SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE WILL I NEED?

- Excellent people skills to work with staff at all levels
- A creative approach to problem solving
- The ability to motivate your team
- Excellent organisational and planning skills
- The ability to take on responsibility and make decisions
- Good maths and IT skills
- An in-depth knowledge of building methods
- Awareness of health and safety

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE WILL I NEED?

- **Foundation degree, HNC/HND or degree, or several years' experience in the building industry.**
- **Background as an estimator, a building technician or a site supervisor.**
- **Foundation degree, HNC/HND or degree in a related area, for example:**
 - **Building studies and building engineering**
 - **Surveying and civil engineering**
 - **Construction engineering**
 - **Construction management**

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