EXPLORING CAREER OPTIONS IN...

METEOROLOGY

Meteorology graduates typically look to the forecasting and the Environmental Consultancies sectors for career options. Presentation skills can draw you into Broadcasting and interpretative forecast skills attract you to roles in Utility/Service industries. Don’t forget though that many Government Agency roles, Research Centres, Teaching, Academia, Public Sector opportunities and Banking roles are well suited to the analytical and research skills of a meteorologist. These links are sector overviews which show how the sector breaks down, the main graduate recruiters, characteristics of working in the sector and key current issues as well as lists of job roles available in the sector.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further, pre-assessed useful information.

- Meteorologist
- Environmental Consultant
- Air Traffic Controller
- Catastrophe Modelling Analyst
- Energy Manager
- Higher Education Lecturer
- Weather Presenter
- Secondary School Teacher
- Civil Service Fast Streamer
- Research Scientist

IT, Air Quality Consultant and Database Management are also popular career areas and can all be looked at in more detail via the Prospects A to Z of jobs.

Finding Opportunities

Much of the information you need about vacancies can be found on the links above and can assist you with finding work experience, placements and permanent jobs. Many roles listed will require further study to build up the expertise required to secure jobs and are highly competitive, although roles such as Civil Service Fast Streamer can be secured without further study. Read our coaching topic on Postgraduate Study to find out more. Most of the above roles, apart from Teaching and Civil Service Fast Streamer will require quite a creative job search to find permanent work, work experience or placements. Some organisations may rely on applicants approaching them directly. Useful sites include:

- For Meteorologist roles head to: Met-Jobs mailing list and Met Office
- For Environmental Consultancy jobs, work experience and internships try: ENDS, Earthworks and Local Government jobs
- For Catastrophe Modelling Analyst roles try searching Indeed.com
- Look for Civil Service roles at: Civil Service jobs

reading.ac.uk/careers/explore
For scientific research roles search for:

- New Scientist
- Jobs.ac.uk
- NatureJobs
- The Royal Met Society

For further information about business, energy and utilities and IT careers look at Inside Careers

Further Reading

There are many useful broader links listed in the Sector section above to reflect the interests often held by Meteorology students.

- For jobs within charities, public sector and NGOs try JobsGoPublic
- Look closer at the routes into teaching using the Department for Education ‘Get into Teaching’ website and use UCAS Teacher Training to apply.