



Suffolk Joint
Construction
Committee

Site Manager

Site managers, also known as construction managers or site agents, supervise and direct operations on a construction project to make sure it is completed safely, on time and within budget.

THE ROLE

If you are experienced in construction, and you can lead and motivate a team, this job could be ideal for you. 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.

To get into this job you would usually need to have a relevant foundation degree, HNC/HND or degree, or several years' experience in the building industry. You could also come into this job from a background as an estimator, a building technician or a site supervisor.

On a company's training programme, you would build up your knowledge and experience in a number of work areas, such as estimating, planning, buying and assisting a site engineer. With experience, you would take on larger projects and more management responsibility.

SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Construction managers can earn from £27,000 to over £55,000 a year, depending on experience

Senior managers can earn more than £70,000

CAREER PROGRESSION

ESTIMATOR/
ENGINEER/SITE
SUPERVISOR

SITE MANAGER

CONTACTS
MANAGER

CONTACTS
DIRECTOR

Site Manager

ENTRY ROUTE

To work as a site manager, you would normally need a 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

Courses are likely to include management skills, project management, economics, IT and accounts.

You may also be encouraged to work towards industry qualifications, such as:

- Level 3 (NVQ) Diploma in Construction Site Supervision
- Level 4 Diploma in Site Management
- Level 5/6 (NVQ) Diploma in Construction Management (Sustainability)
- Level 6 (NVQ) Diploma in Construction Contracting Operations Management
- Level 7 (NVQ) Diploma in Construction Senior Management

TYPICAL TASKS FOR A SITE MANAGER:

- 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.

For more information on becoming a site manager visit:

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