

Entry and training (estates manager)

This page provides information about the entry requirements, skills and interests needed for a career as an estates manager.

Entry requirements, skills and interests

Although there are no set entry requirements, estate managers have a relevant qualification, often at degree level. This could be in, for example

- building surveying
- property management
- facilities management

To get onto a degree course, you need

- two or three A levels along with five GCSEs (grades A-C [1]), including English language and maths

or alternative qualifications, including

- BTEC or HNC
- relevant NVQ
- access course
- equivalent Scottish or Irish qualifications

However, each institution sets its own entry requirements, so it's important to check carefully.

Some estates managers join the NHS as, for example, estates technicians [2] and become managers with experience and further qualifications. You may have the opportunity to do an apprenticeship.

Employers may ask for a driving licence.

See how Louise English has developed her career in estates management [3].

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Personal characteristics

Estates managers need to

- have an interest in buildings and property
- work on several different projects at once

- be able to meet deadlines
- work with contractors and others from the construction industry

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You'll need effective:

- communication skills
- negotiating skills
- organisational skills
- project management skills
- business skills

- Training and development Expand / collapse

When you become an estates manager your training will include an introduction to the department and its systems and procedures. You will be expected to keep your skills and knowledge up to date by going on short courses on particular topics such as risk analysis or contract management. You may be encouraged to take further qualifications in, for example, project management. Find out more about professional development [4]

You could also become a member of relevant professional institutions. See the further information section on the main role page for estates managers [5]

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Grades_A-C

[2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/estates-services/estates-technician>

[3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/wider-healthcare-team/roles-wider-healthcare-team/estates-services/estates-technician/real-life-story-louise-english>

[4] <https://www.healthcareers.lampuat64-3.rroom.net/i-am/currently-working-health/professional-development>

[5] <https://www.healthcareers.lampuat64-3.rroom.net/explore-roles/estates-and-facilities-management/estates-manager>