

AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNICIAN – APPRENTICE

Audio-visual technicians install and operate visual, sound and lighting equipment at conference centres, schools and events.

Apprenticeship

This job is obtained through a creative venue technician advanced apprenticeship. This will take about 24 months to complete. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a college or training provider.

Entry Requirements

You will need:

5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), usually including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Volunteering and Experience

You could volunteer with a charity, school or theatre group to get experience of setting up and running audio-visual technology and software.

Skills and Knowledge

You will need:

- knowledge of computer operating systems, hardware and software
- knowledge of media production and communication
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- broadcasting and telecommunications knowledge
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be flexible and open to change
- excellent verbal communication skills
- basic digital skills for communicating and recording information

Day-to-day tasks

Your day-to-day duties might include:

- setting up and testing equipment before an event
- finding and dealing with any faults
- operating equipment during rehearsals and events
- checking and servicing equipment
- managing equipment booking
- training other people to use the equipment
- assessing a venue's AV equipment

Salary Guide

Average annual salary

£16,000 Starter to £40,000 Experienced

Typical hours a week

39 to 41

You could be required to work

Evenings / Weekends / Bank Holidays attending events or appointments

Working Environment

You could work at a college, at a university or at a conference centre.
Your working environment may be physically demanding.

Career Path and Progression

With experience, you could manage a department, become a project manager or systems designer, or move into sales or account management.