

Focus on the Future!

Career Path

Careers in Music

These short films give an insight into some of the careers related to music:

<https://youtu.be/pY2MrD0N9H8> - music promoter

<https://youtu.be/dJ3jUqHCzTA> - music production



Focus on Musician:

What does a musician do?

- learning and rehearsing music pieces
- looking after your voice and instrument
- setting up your instrument before performances
- preparing for and attending auditions

What Qualifications do they have?

You can enter a career in music through several ways including:

- through a university course
- by applying directly

1. University

You could get a degree at university in:

- classical music
- music composition
- music performance

You'll need to train at a specialist university or a music college, often known as a conservatoire. You'll usually specialise in one main instrument and study a second instrument. Some music degrees focus more on music theory than performance, so research the courses carefully to make sure they're right for you. To get accepted to a university course you will need:

- 2 or 3 A levels including music
- grade 8 in your main instrument
- to pass an audition

2. Apply Directly

To apply directly to work as a classical musician you'll usually need to have:

- learned at least one instrument from an early age
- taken graded music exams
- studied music theory

How to stand out from the crowd:

You should try to get as much experience as you can of performing in public. You could do this by joining a youth or community orchestra, and by entering competitions.



- The [BBC Introducing programme](#) could be a way to get your music heard on the radio, if you're an unsigned musician.

- It's common for musicians to showcase their music on networking websites, social media or send a demo to recording companies. The [Musicians' Union](#) has more details on how to promote yourself.



How can a musician earn?

The average earnings are between £23,000 and £40,000 per year or more. This can be a career where average salaries are varying and therefore difficult to estimate.



Where to find out more

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/classical-musician>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/musician>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/music>

<https://apply.army.mod.uk/roles/corps-of-army-music/musician>

You can also find out more about working in creative careers from [Discover Creative Careers](#).

If you want to find out about similar job roles, check out these below:

Music therapist

Music teacher

Instrument repairer

Sound engineer

Sound technician

Sound designer

Army Musician

Music promotor

Events/stadium management