

Job title: Fingerprint Officer



Job title: Fingerprint Officer	<p>Fingerprint officers check and compare fingerprints taken from crime scenes.</p>
Entry requirements:	<p>University: You could give yourself an advantage by doing a relevant degree in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forensic science • criminology • applied science • chemistry • biology <p>Entry requirements You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 to 3 A levels for a degree <p>Direct Application: Each police service sets its own entry requirements, but to start as a trainee fingerprint officer you'll find it useful to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including maths, English and a science subject • A levels or equivalent qualifications • experience of working in the police, analytical work or work involving attention to detail <p>Police services will carry out checks into your background and employment history. This might also include checking on your close family members.</p>
Skills required:	<p>You'll need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure • knowledge of public safety and security • customer service skills • to be flexible and open to change • the ability to work on your own • legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations • to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
What you'll do:	<p>Your day-to-day duties might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparing crime scene prints with those of suspects • scanning police fingerprint forms into the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System • comparing fingerprints against the National Fingerprint Database to produce a list of likely matches • analysing prints and marks to uncover links between crime scenes • eliminating prints found at the scene of people not under suspicion • classifying records and maintaining fingerprint databases • preparing evidence statements and presenting evidence in court • attending crime scenes to offer specialist advice • getting fingerprint samples from the deceased at the morgue
What you'll earn:	<p>£16,000 Starter to £35,000 Experienced</p>
Working hours, patterns and environment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42-44 hours per week • evenings / weekends / bank holidays on a rota • You could work in a laboratory. • Your working environment may be emotionally demanding.

Career path and progression:	With experience you could become a scenes of crime officer (SOCO). With further training you could move into forensic science or become a criminal intelligence officer.
-------------------------------------	---