



CAREER OF THE MONTH...

CLOTHING/TEXTILE TECHNOLOGIST

AVERAGE SALARY £30,020

In honour of 'Christmas Jumper Day', we're taking you back to the first thread and unpicking the career of Clothing Technologist. Tailor-make a future in which you'll work with a variety of fabrics, from leather to plastic, that you will be responsible for carrying out quality control tests to ensure they are right for their intended use. You'll oversee production of a number of products, such as clothing to industrial textiles, from the first stitch. With many routes to choose from, a career as a Clothing Technologist may be the perfect fit for you!

JOB DESCRIPTION

From a starting salary of £21,000, you could rack up a take home pay of £55,000 and above, by working your way up from Assistant Textile Technologist to senior roles as a Clothing Technologist. Through this role you'll be responsible for ensuring clothing and textiles are produced efficiently and meet quality standards, while liaising with those involved in the production process. No two days will be the same, according to Prospects, possible job you could be carrying out could be: developing a man-made fabric or quality assessing natural ones, overseeing dyeing, printing and finishing of fabrics, or responding to product queries and customer complaints. This is a role that allows you to get involved from start to finish.

QUALIFICATIONS

Design your career path as a Clothing Technologist by gaining the qualifications and experience necessary. To enter this career, you need a keen passion for clothing or textiles. For your GCSEs or A-levels, it is recommended you take Textiles to give you a base knowledge. You can then progress this knowledge by gaining a degree in clothing/fashion technology.

You can also enter this role through internship and apprenticeships, starting at a lower technician level and working your way up as you gain more experience and knowledge.

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