

Locksmiths supply, fit and repair locks for homes, businesses and cars. They make keys to fit locks, using a wide range of tools. Some locksmiths also fit sophisticated security systems such as closed-circuit television and electronic access systems. A number will also provide a 24-hour emergency service, for example, helping customers who are locked out or whose locks have been damaged in break-ins.

As a locksmith, you need a high level of technical skill and expert knowledge of a wide range of lock assemblies and other security devices. Good hand to eye co-ordination is important.

Locksmiths often give advice on security and safety issues and as a trainee locksmith, you would receive on-the-job training and you could choose to specialise in a particular area like repairing and key cutting for antique locks.



## Locksmith *Job Profile*

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## Locksmithing *Career Route*

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# Career Progression Route - Locksmithing

£12,000 - £16,000	£16,000 - £22,000	£22,000 - £30,000	£30,000 - £40,000	£40,000 - £100,000
Apprentice	Bench Locksmith	Surveyors	Operations Manager	Business Owner
Mate / Assistant	Warrant Locksmith	Design / Project / Commission Locksmith	Locksmithing Manager	Operations Manager
General Operative	Operations Locksmith	Locksmith Installation Supervisor	Technical Manager	Technical Director
Specialist Operative	Lock Installer	Tester / Level 2 Repair Tech	Locksmith Design Manager	Managing Director
Storeman / Logistics	Systems & Maintenance Locksmith	Installation & Maintenance Locksmith	Consultant Locksmith	Sales Director
Trainee Locksmith	Trainee Design Locksmith	Locksmith Supervisor / Trainer	Specialist Locksmith	Head of R&D / L&D
		Senior Service Locksmith	Key Design Locksmith	Supply Chain Director
		Stores Supervisor	QA Manager	Senior Consultant Locksmith
		Sales Supervisor	Project Manager	HR Director
		Contract Manager	Regional / National Sales Manager	QA Director
			Marketing Manager	President
			Account Manager	

## SUGGESTED QUALIFICATIONS

GCSEs D-E in English, Maths and Science Work Based Learning Programmes Skills for Life Certificate	GCSE A-C in English & Maths Work Based Learning Programmes Level 2 Apprenticeship in Locksmithing Level 2 Certificate In Locksmithing (QCF) BTEC Diploma Business Improvement Techniques Industry Related Qualifications	AS / A Levels Work Based Learning Programmes Level 3 Award in Security Operations BTEC Diploma Business Improvement Techniques Industry Related Qualifications	BTEC Diploma Business Improvement Techniques Work Based Learning Programmes Level 4 Award In Security and Risk Management (QCF) Higher National Certificate Certificate of Higher Education	BTEC Diploma Business Improvement Techniques Work Based Learning Programmes Higher National Diploma Foundation Degree in Security and Risk Management BA in Security and Risk Management
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