



## **Environmental scientist**

Environmental scientists explore and understand our natural world and how it is affected by human activities.

### **Their work may include:**

- Studying plants and animals to protect natural habitats
- Minimizing the impact new developments (e.g. housing) have on the local environment
- Studying the environmental effects of throwing away waste
- Developing renewable energy supplies (ones that will not run out) and advising oil and gas companies

### **How they work:**

Environmental scientists usually work as part of a team. Most work standard hours, although the hours depend on the role. Specific project work may involve working extra hours.

### **Where they work:**

Some work is likely to be carried out in an office or laboratory. Fieldwork may involve working in locations in the UK or abroad. These could range from British construction sites to tropical rainforests - depending on the role. Main employers include local authorities, environmental agencies, water companies, consultancies, engineering and construction firms, and environmental lobbying organisations. Many work on a consultancy basis.

### **Other related jobs in this field:**

Climatologist, ecologist, energy and environmental engineer, environmental health officer, geologist, geophysicist, hydrologist, flood manager, meteorologist, marine biologist, mining engineer, mineralogist, oceanographer, seismologist, soil scientist, waste manager, waste water treatment plant officer, water distribution officer, recycling officer, weather reporter.

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