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NATIONAL NEWS

[Minimum wage rise starts this month](#)

The minimum wage increases this month. The new rates are:

	Rate from April 2022	Current rate (April 2021 to March 2022)	Increase
National Living Wage	£9.50	£8.91	6.6%
21-22 Year Old Rate	£9.18	£8.36	9.8%
18-20 Year Old Rate	£6.83	£6.56	4.1%
16-17 Year Old Rate	£4.81	£4.62	4.1%
Apprentice Rate	£4.81	£4.30	11.9%
Accommodation Offset	£8.70	£8.36	4.1%

[Marks and Spencer](#) are to raise their minimum pay for staff to £10 an hour to match other retailers such as Aldi, Lidl, Morrisons and Sainsburys. Those working in a London M and S store will get £11.25 an hour.

[Business and Finance apprenticeships prove the most popular](#)

FE Times reports that recruiters the [Talent People](#) have analysed apprenticeship data from [GetMyFirstJob](#) and revealed the top 10 most popular apprenticeships of 2021. Traditional careers in Business and Finance are proving to be the most attractive along with Digital and Tech roles.

[The UK Tech sector](#)

In the most recent financial year DCMS Cyber Sector report highlights that the UK tech sector has:

- Generated £10.1bn in revenue
- Seen employment rise by 13%
- Created 6,000 new jobs
- 52,700 people working in cyber.

For more information click on the [link](#).



[Flexible apprenticeships](#)

The new flexible apprenticeships announced by the government are designed to create jobs for people in sectors which boost the economy such as the construction and creative sectors. The NHS and the BBC are amongst employers who will offer these flexible apprenticeships, which aim to give apprentices experience across a number of placements. 1,500 placements are to be made available.

[Busy Bees are seeking apprentices across the UK](#)

700 new apprentices are being sought by Busy Bees childcare nurseries. Those successful will be working towards a Level 3 qualification in Childcare and Education and be offered a permanent job on completion of their apprenticeship. Progression to become a Level 5 Early Years Practitioner is also possible.

[Most sought-after job](#)

New research by Adzuna suggests that analysis reveals that a Pet Sitter is the most sought-after job despite the low salary. The top ten jobs being sought are:

The top ten jobs were:

- Pet Sitter
- Cabin Crew
- Aircraft Cleaner
- Shelf Filler
- Chauffeur
- Passenger Services Agent
- Crop Production Worker
- Animal Handler
- NHS Call Handler
- Market Researcher



[Parents' and Carers' Apprenticeship Packs – March 2022](#)

The Parents' and Carers' Apprenticeship Packs for March 2022 are available [here](#). This edition includes:

- Advice and tips around how your child's hobbies can demonstrate their skills to employers
- An overview of the Health T Level
- A deep dive into apprenticeships in logistics
- An apprentice case study
- Information about the support the DWP can provide for your child



[Nursing vacancies](#)

The Nursing Times reports that nursing vacancies are up nine per cent and vacancies stood at 39,652 as at December 2021. London saw a 14% rise in the year to December 2021. For more data see [link](#). The Guardian also [reports](#) on the staffing crisis within the NHS including a requirement for 8,158 doctors.

[Top 22 British women business leaders 2022 \(no link\)](#)

There are three reports in Business Live to inspire women to succeed. The first profiles the [top 22 British women business leaders for 2022](#).

The second profiles the [top 22 women who are rising stars for 2022](#). They include Ricki Lawal from South London who owns Selfmade Candle and Rachel Pendered, co-founder of London based creative agency Media Zoo.

Thirdly, there is a [report on black-owned start-ups](#) supported by the Princes Trust Enterprise Programme. These include London-based Farhana Ibrahim, founder of Binta's Kitchen, who sells a range of vegan sauces, superfood powders, etc.

[Working in the seafood industry](#)

The UK seafood industry is seeking people across a range of roles Click on the link for resources related to this business for jobseekers, including information on career paths and case studies.

[The UK film industry](#)

A new report on the UK film industry suggests that 40,000 jobs need to be filled by 2025 with 20 new sites in the pipeline. A range of roles are likely to be available as the expansion of existing studios takes place, with a 'severe skills shortage' of set designers, bookkeepers, special effects experts, grips and assistant directors urgently required.

[Apprenticeships – Parents pack](#)

The March edition of the resources for parents and guardians is available [here](#). This month's edition includes:

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LONDON NEWS

[Dutch on-demand jobs platform launches in London](#)

London has a new on-demand jobs platform which matches 18 – 25-year olds who wish to fit temporary recruitment around their studies or their own businesses. Some large well known commercial clients are signed up to [YoungOnes](#) to cope with staff shortages.

[Four-day week trial](#)

Around 30 organisations across the UK are piloting a four-day week as part of a UK wide pilot programme. The firms taking part include Pressure Drop Brewing and Happy in London.



USEFUL WEBSITES

Engineering and Computing websites

- <https://jobs.alionscience.com/>
- <https://www.nolanrecruitment.com/>
- <https://www.precision-people.uk/engineering-recruitment>
- <https://www.agencycentral.co.uk/agencysearch/IT/skills/developandprogram/softwaredeveloper.htm>
- <https://www.groupnp.com/software-engineering-recruitment/>
- <https://www.welovesalt.com/jobs/job-industry/software-engineering/>
- <https://www.technojobs.co.uk/software-developer-jobs>
- <https://www.precision-people.uk/>

FUTURE EVENTS

- 1st and 2nd April 2022 - London Job Show - Westfield Shepherds Bush - 11.00am - 5.00pm <https://www.londonjobshow.co.uk/shepherdsbush/>
- 22nd April 2022 – London Jobs Fair – Twickenham Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-twickenham>
- 25th April - T Levels webinar 25th April 3.30 - 4.14 pm – Register [here](#) to attend.
- 22nd May 2022 – Croydon Jobs Fair – Selhurst Park Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-croydon>



- 9th September - Croydon Jobs Fair – Selhurst Park Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-croydon>
- 30th November – London Twickenham Jobs Fair – Twickenham Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-twickenham>



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