

## JOB OF THE WEEK

### Paint mixing operator

Job holders in this unit group operate plant and machinery in the processing of chemical and related materials by chemical, heat or other treatments. They will manufacture synthetic materials and bleach, dye or otherwise treat textiles, and treat hides, skins and pelts for making into fur, leather and skin products.



### What is it?

### Day to day tasks

Come tasks include:

Preparing dye, bleaching, water repellent, fixing salt and other chemical solutions to finish and treat textiles;

Regulates input of polymer into melting unit, extrudes polymer, gathers extruded filaments and feeds strands through rolling, cutting and treatment units to produce synthetic fibre;

Operates kilns, furnaces and ovens to produce charcoal;

Withdrawing samples for quality control testing, removes and regulates discharge of batch material upon completion of processing.

### Qualifications

Training is provided off and on-the-job. NVQs,, BTEC Certificates and Diplomas and foundation degrees are available. Apprenticeships are also available

### Salary

The UK average salary for this career is £28,758, compared to the UK overall average salary of £34,320.

### Jobs and labour market

| Top 10 industries for this job    |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Wholesale trade                   | 10447 |
| Coke & refining; Chemicals,etc    | 8245  |
| Waste management                  | 3059  |
| Pharmaceuticals                   | 2213  |
| Warehousing, etc                  | 1676  |
| Coal, oil & gas; Mining & related | 1543  |
| Food & beverage services          | 1505  |
| Electricity, gas, etc             | 1470  |
| Metal products                    | 1430  |
| Paper, etc                        | 1273  |



### Routes into the industry

- **Apprenticeships** are available.
- Working in industry.