

## Choreographer

### What is it?

A Choreographer creates and plans dance routines and movement sequences for performances. This could include work for stage shows music videos, films, TV programmes, theatre, schools and live events. Choreographers use movement to tell stories, express emotions and bring performances to life.

### Qualifications/Experience Required:

Strong dance training, often from a young age, in styles such as ballet, contemporary, jazz, street or musical theatre.

A **degree or diploma** in dance or performing arts can be helpful but is not essential.

Experience as a professional dancer is very common before moving into choreography.

Apprenticeships in creative and performing arts, specialist dance schools, and private training are all possible pathways. Building a strong **portfolio** and professional reputation is essential.

### Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Creative and expressive.
- Passionate about dance and performance.
- Confident leading and motivating others.
- Physically fit and resilient.
- Able to work flexibly and cope with irregular work patterns.

### What the Work Involves:

- Designing dance routines and movement sequences.
- Teaching choreography to dancers or performers.
- Rehearsing and refining performances.
- Working with directors, producers and performers.
- Adapting routines to suit different abilities, spaces or styles.
- Attending auditions, rehearsals and performances.

### Money/Wage Guide:

- **Starting Salary: £15,000-£20,000**
- **Experienced Salary: £30,000-£45,000+** depending on field that you work in

### Related Opportunities:

- **Professional Dancer**
- **Dance Teacher**
- **Movement Director**
- **Performing Arts Teacher**

### Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Choreographers often work **freelance**, meaning work can vary from project to project. Opportunities exist in dance companies, theatre, education, film, TV, music and commercial performance.

**Typical weekly hours** – *You may work evenings, weekends and intensively around rehearsals and performances.*

### Further Information:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/choreographer>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/performing-arts/job-profile/choreographer>