

Newspaper or magazine editor

Newspaper and magazine editors manage the style and content of printed publications



Your day-to-day duties may include:

- commissioning articles
- choosing which articles to publish
- deciding how they'll be laid out for publishing
- assessing work sent from freelance journalists, photographers and illustrators
- You'll work with sub-editors, designers, production staff and printers to make sure publication deadlines are met.

On smaller titles you might help to write and sub-edit.
On larger titles you'll just have editor duties.

These university subjects are related to this career:

Classical studies

English

Journalism

Media and Communications

Theology and Religion

East Midlands growth: East Midlands growth: +16.4% from 2014 to 2024, creating 16,953 jobs

Derby jobs: Derby jobs: 184 (119th of 214 UK LEAs)

East Midlands median earnings: £28,399

Career path and progression

With experience as a local newspaper editor you could move on to regional and then national publications..

Qualifications and grades

Most universities will want you to have achieved at least five GCSEs, with a minimum of Grade 4 in English and Maths and also to have studied English, Media or Politics to A- level.

Working hours, patterns and environment

If you work for a daily or weekly publication you'll usually work irregular hours, including evenings and weekends.

If you work for a monthly publication or a specialist trade journal, you'll usually work normal office hours, but with some overtime leading up to publication deadlines.

Your work will be mainly office-based. You may need to travel to meet clients and reporters

Skills You'll need:

- planning, organisational and staff management skills
- a good command of English with strong writing and IT skills
- creativity and good visual sense
- financial skills
- an eye for detail
- an understanding of target audiences
- negotiating and decision-making skills