

Living and working in the UK

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United Kingdom - UK

- England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Population 61 million
- Unemployment rate **7.1%**
- Language spoken English
- Welsh
- Currency – British pound £



PES in the UK

- **Great Britain**

www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Tel: 00 44 845 606023

- **Northern Ireland**

www.jobcentreonline.com

Tel: 0800 353530

- **Self service kiosks**



Job opportunities in the UK

- ❖ Health and Social Care; social worker, nurse, care assistant
- ❖ Biochemists/Pharmacists
- ❖ Architect/town planner/Quantity Surveyor
- ❖ Engineering (Civil, electrical, chemical)
- ❖ Finance/Accountancy
- ❖ IT
- ❖ *Specialist* Doctors, Dentists
- ❖ Education: Secondary school Teachers
- ❖ Hotel & Catering (Chefs/Cooks)



Graduates: un salario medio per I laureati

- **Average Graduate wage** is £24, 500 - £36, 000 (2008)

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.NIjobs.com

www.get.hobsons.co.uk

www.gradireland.com



Employment law – la legge di lavoro

- National Minimum Wage
- Working week 37-48 hours +
- Holiday entitlement 25 days +
- Wage/Salary is paid monthly or weekly (Bank A/C)
- 20 minute rest break for 6 hours +

www.berr.gov.uk

www.tuc.org.uk

www.acas.org.uk

www.direct.gov.uk



National insurance number

- Permits you to work in the UK
- Apply as soon as you start work
- Tel: 0845 600 0643 or Tel: 02890 545500 **(NI)**

www.direct.gov.uk

www.nidirect.gov.uk



Income tax – L 'imposta

Basic rate: **20%** £0 - £37,400

Higher rate: **40%** £37,400 +

Self employed people pay their own tax

www.hmrc.gov.uk



National insurance – La previdenza sociale

11 % deducted if you earn above £110 - £844
plus

1 % of earnings *above* £844 per week

Self employed people pay their own NIC

www.hmrc.gov.uk



E Forms

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

formally, E111

E301 – records your social security contributions

E303 – used to transfer your unemployment benefit from one country to another, within the EEA.



Healthcare in the UK - La salute

NHS - National Health Service

Visiting a **doctor** is free; a visit to the **dentist** you have to pay

Prescription medicines you *may* have to pay (depending on where you reside in the UK)

www.dh.gov.uk

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Tel: 0845 45 47



Living in the UK

- Apartments/Flats: £450 - £600 = (€ 481-642)
- Houses: £500- £800 = (€ 535 - £856)
- Rooms: £200-£350 = (€ 214 - £374)
- One month's rent required in advance as a *deposit*
- Council Tax

www.loot.co.uk

www.yell.com

www.direct.gov.uk (council tax)



Living expenses

- Bread - £1.50 = € 1.60
- Milk 1l - £1.00 = € 1.07
- Mc Donald's meal - £3.79 = €4.05
- Cigarettes (20) £5.70 = € 6.09
- Beer - £3.50 = € 3.74
- Cinema ticket £6.00 = €6.42
- Bus/Train, short journey, (single) £1.50 = €1.60
- 1 pound = 1.07 euro
- 1 euro = .89 pence



Looking for work

- UK newspapers (online)
- Company websites
- PES UK
- Private recruitment agencies (free service)

www.rec.uk.com

- **EURES** →



The EURES portal

- Search for a job
- Register your CV online
- Make contact with EURES advisers
- Labour market information
- Living and working conditions
- Education
- Graduate forum

www.eures.europa.eu



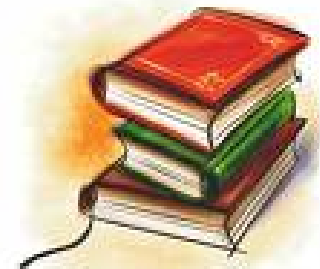
Job application process

- Curriculum Vitae – C V
- 2 pages, typed
- Create a CV to *match the job*
- Application *letter*
- *Company* application forms (sometimes online)
- Interviews
- www.direct.gov.uk
- www.prospects.ac.uk



Education - Qualifications

- For UK recognition of qualifications, contact **NARIC**
www.naric.org.uk
- English language test is required to *study* in the UK
www.ieltis.org
- Learning the language
www.britishcouncil.org
- University courses in the UK
www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk



Work placement opportunities

www.work-experience.org

www.targetcareers.co.uk

www.power-to-inspire.co.uk

www.get.hobsons.co.uk

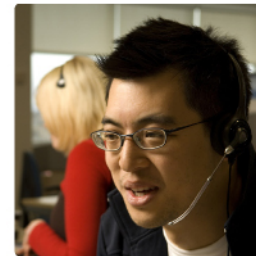
www.placement-uk.com

www.internuk.com



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