

PEST CONTROL TECHNICIAN

JOB DESCRIPTION

Pest control technicians identify, control and eliminate pests or vermin, such as: birds, rabbits, rats, grey squirrels, mice and various insects, using a range of methods, equipment and chemicals. They also advise customers on preventative measures and suitable methods of control.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Inspect: pest control technicians inspect customer premises on a routine schedule and report on the status of premises on levels of pest infestation.

Treat: organise and undertake a programme of treatments using pest control equipment or chemicals to control and eliminate target pests.

Report: pest control technicians must write reports on all inspections undertaken. These reports must detail the programme of treatments, list any chemicals used and state their location on the premises to maintain health and safety.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

The skills required by individuals in this job role include:

Communication skills	Physically fit
Problem solving skills	Industry experience
Customer service skills	Knowledge of Government legislation
Numeracy skills	Knowledge of health and safety

JUNIOR POSITION

- Trainee Pest Controller
- Earns £14,500 - £17,000
- Typically requires:

MID POSITION

- Pest Controller
- Earns £19,000 - £25,000
- Typically requires: RSPH Level 2 certificate in Pest Control

SENIOR POSITION

- Pest Control Service Manager
- Earns £30,000 - £35,000
- Typically requires: RSPH Level 3 certificate in Pest Control and the ability to manage people

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CASE STUDY: PEST CONTROLLER

Phil is an experienced pest control technician who has had the opportunity to deal with a wide range of pests in a variety of locations.

"I find my job interesting and varied. You deal with rats, mice, cockroaches, bed bugs, feral pigeons and foxes in hotels, museums, houses, shops and farms."

"My most memorable experience on the job was when I received a call to deal with some pests in the lower basement crypt of a 16th century church. Twelve years on and I can still remember walking through that basement with my torch and only the surrounding bones for company."



Phil is a strongly believes that pests are here to stay despite advancements in rodenticide and insecticide due to increasing resistance to products.

"This is why the pest control industry always requires fresh talent, whether it's an operative who controls pests or the biologist who discovers a new means of control."



Phil's advice for anyone interested in a career in pest control is *"an interest or qualification in biology is an advantage but not a necessity. You will need an open mind and willingness to adapt to ever changing situations."*

"I have yet to meet a pest that has my qualifications and has read the same books so there is always a chance that they will behave unexpectedly. However, I think that a desire to succeed is the most important thing in this industry."



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