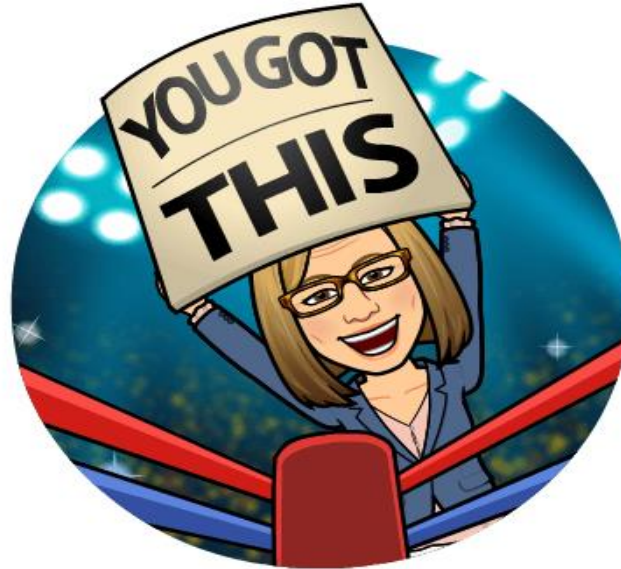


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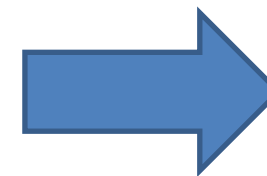
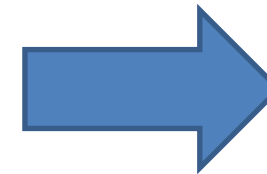
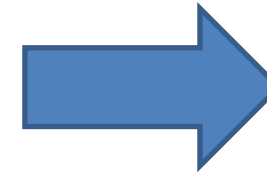


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We're here for you.

With the effects of COVID-19 continuing, you can still count on us for career information, advice and guidance. Our careers centres are closed but we're here online or by calling 0800 917 8000. Our helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

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Effective career conversations with your child

It's important to talk to your child about their career options.

Did you know we have a new site dedicated to supporting parents and carers have conversations?

Take a look at [My Kids Career](#).

You'll find:

- Up-to-date job opportunities, showing number of Scottish vacancies, alongside average salary
- Information on jobs of the future and growing industries
- Career paths to explore the ways your child can reach jobs
- Discussion guidelines around exams, subject choices and possible jobs
- Stories and experiences from other parents



Is your child in S2-S3?

Tips and insight to support them make some of their key decisions

Subject choices

Between October and March, your child will pick subjects for their Nationals or Highers.

Subjects they choose can have an impact on what they can study at college or university, and what career paths are open to them.

We have some [subject choices top tips](#) for you and your child at this time.

To help your child prepare for their choice, you could try our [Subject Choices tool](#), which helps them work out which jobs their subjects could lead to.

One-to-one careers support in schools

We're just part of the support your child can access through Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

Our professionally-qualified careers advisers offer information, advice and guidance (CIAG) in every state secondary school in Scotland. They can include group sessions or intensive one-to-one coaching. Talk to the [school's careers adviser](#) at parents night or school events, or ask to attend a subject choice one-to-one with your child and their careers adviser.

Live chat

Parent and Carer Survey 2020

We want to know what parents and carers think about Scotland's careers services.

Feedback from the parent and carer survey will be shared with partner organisations.

Enter the SDS parent and carer survey on careers services:
https://sds.customerfeedback.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yzz5v0qpAkhVzy

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Veterinary surgeon

Alternative job titles: vet

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Career outlook for veterinary surgeon

Figures and forecasts for roles at the same level, which require similar skills and qualifications.

Average UK salary

£35,360

Currently employed in Scotland

1,500

Five year job forecast

+5.11% ▲

MI for All supplies our salary and employment status information. *Oxford Economics* supplies job forecasts and employment figures.



What's it like?

You would diagnose and treat sick animals. You would probably work in general practice, with pets, farm and zoo animals. You may work with all of these types of animals, or specialise in just one.

Many of the owners you talk to may be upset or anxious about their pets, so it would be important to have a kind and reassuring manner. You would also have to be very gentle with the animals you work with, as many of them will be fragile.

As a vet in general practice you would:

- Diagnose and treat sick and injured animals

Working conditions

Hours

If you worked in a veterinary practice you could expect to work around 43 hours a week. You would work on a rota system to provide cover 24 hours a day, seven days a week and may sometimes be on-call. You could be called out to work at any time of the day or night.

Environment

Live chat



Feedback

Top skills

Here are some of the skills needed for this job. Sign in to see how your skills match up.

- Reflecting
- Cooperating
- Problem solving
- Empathising
- Respecting
- Social conscience
- Attention to detail
- Reliable
- Making decisions
- Recalling

Build your skills

Your skills can help you choose the career that's right for you. You can build your skills through work, study or activities you do in your spare time.

To understand more, have a look at [what are my skills?](#)

Keep track of your skills in your account and find the jobs, opportunities and courses that suit you.

[Click here to view / add your skills](#)

Getting in

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Getting in

Entry requirements for courses can change. Always contact the college, university or training provider to check exactly what you'll need.

Qualifications

To work as a vet you must be registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

To become registered you must have a veterinary degree (SCQF 9/10) from one of the UK universities approved by the RCVS or an overseas qualification that the RCVS recognises.

To enter a veterinary degree (SCQF 9/10) requires National 5 qualifications, at least five Highers (SCQF level 6) at AAAAB, and Advanced Highers in maths or science subjects.

Entry is very competitive and many ask for qualifications to be obtained at first sitting.

Many degree courses last five years. If you already have a 2:1 Honours degree in a subject related to veterinary science, you can apply to study for a four-year graduate entry veterinary degree course

Work experience in an animal-orientated setting (such as a farm, kennel, vet surgery) may also be required.

If you wish to apply to the University of Cambridge or the Royal Veterinary College you will also need to sit the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

Useful subjects

- Biology (required by most courses)
- Chemistry (required by most courses)
- Maths (required by most courses)
- Physics (required by most courses)
- ICT
- Social studies such as geography
- Religious, moral and philosophical studies
- Psychology

You will also need

Some roles may require a driving licence.

You need to be fit as there is a lot of standing and lifting animals

You should not be allergic to animals



Talk

Start your having discussions with your child now, using www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Have a discussion with Careers Adviser erni.hamilton@sds.co.uk

Understand where subjects can take you

Read the course choice information booklet

Ask questions about the different subjects and qualifications.

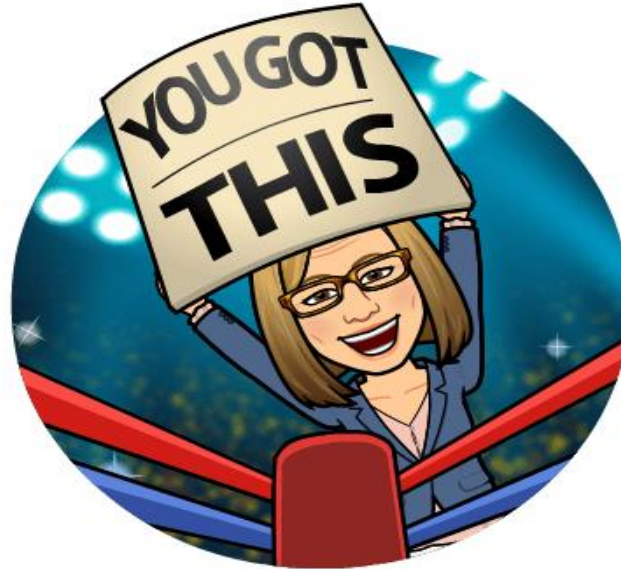
There's a guide on how modern qualifications compare to older ones on the [SCQF website](#).

Be open-minded

Listen to what your child is saying and their reasons for picking the subjects before you comment so that they feel they are in control.



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