# **Job title: Beekeeper**

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| **Job title: Beekeeper** Apiarist, apiculturist | Beekeepers manage colonies of honeybees kept in hives to produce honey, beeswax and royal jelly. |
| **Entry requirements:**  | You could do a college course, which would teach you some of the skills you need to do this job. Relevant subjects include a Level 1 Award in Introduction to Beekeeping.Entry requirementsYou'll usually need:* 2 or fewer GCSEs at grades 3 to 1 (D to G) for a level 1 course

You can keep bees as a hobby and learn how to successfully set up and manage healthy colonies of honeybees.You can also join a beekeeping group where you'll learn from experienced beekeepers, and work towards qualifications offered by The British Beekeepers Association. |
| **Skills required:**  | You'll need:* the ability to work well with others
* to be thorough and pay attention to detail
* physical skills like movement, coordination, dexterity and grace
* excellent verbal communication skills
* thinking and reasoning skills
* the ability to work on your own
* patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
* the ability to work well with your hands
* to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
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| **What you'll do:**  | Your day-to-day duties may include:* building, inspecting or repairing hives
* introducing a new colony or maintaining an existing one
* feeding or checking the health of your bees
* monitoring the size of your colony and amount of honey produced
* treating your hive and bees to fight disease and pests
* collecting honey from hives
* preparing and bottling honey
* marketing honey and products like beeswax
* mentoring or training new beekeepers, once experienced
* breeding queen bees and smaller, starter or 'nucleus' bee colonies
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| **What you’ll earn:**  | Variable Salary |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * 41 to 43 hours per week
* Freelance/ Self Employed
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| **Career path and progression:** | With experience, you could move into commercial beekeeping and develop more hives over a wider area. You could also train new beekeepers. |

