

How do I get a Job Tutoring?

The easiest way to get a job tutoring is for you to become self-employed. There are tutoring agencies but most put self-employed tutors in touch with clients. Generally schools are the only places that employ tutors full-time.

Being a tutor is an extremely satisfying job. There are not many occupations in which you see your clients develop and flourish in their education and self-confidence. It is also a highly lucrative profession which rewards you more as your ability and experience increase. That being the case, tutoring jobs are sought-after by many. So, how can you become one? This article will help you to find employment as a private tutor.

Would I be a good tutor?

Perhaps the first question to ask yourself is whether or not you would be good at the job. As well as the necessary knowledge, there are several key skills that tutors need to have. Here's a list of some of the most important:

Good social skills. You will spend a great deal of time interacting with others, so it's vital you can get on well with people.

Patience. Some of your clients will take time to learn and others may seem difficult. Being perseverant and unflappable may both be necessary.

Enthusiasm. Having a strong interest in your students, and in the subject you teach, will make your lessons more exciting and your results more successful.

Flexibility. Every child is different so being able to identify their strengths and weaknesses and find the best way for them to learn is important.

Commitment. Being a tutor is a highly responsible job so you must be committed to the task. An ability to be methodical and to plan your lessons will also help.

These are just some of the skills you require to be a tutor. But what about qualifications?

What qualifications do I need to be a tutor?

Believe it or not, the answer to this question is 'none'. There are no laws in the UK prohibiting people without any qualifications at all from becoming tutors. Having said that, if you wish to be employed by a private tutoring agency it is recommended that you have a degree or other suitable qualification in the subject you wish to teach.

The reason qualifications are not necessary is not as daft as it seems. You don't necessarily have to have a qualification in a subject to know a lot about it. Take, for example, someone who was brought up speaking two languages. They have degrees in neither but could make an excellent tutor of both.

Are there enough jobs for tutors?

Many people think that, as a predominantly part-time profession, there is not enough work for tutors. However, according to the Tutor's Association, there are 100,000 private tutors in the UK. Clearly, there is a great deal of work out there. There are more than ten million children in the UK and a report by the Sutton Trust found that 27% of have had private tuition.

With so many potential clients, connecting yourself with them can be a competitive business. Private tutoring agencies make it much easier to find work than it would be if you opt for self-employment. But be aware, they will charge you a commission on anything you earn while with them.

Which companies are hiring tutors?

Very few companies hire tutors full-time. In fact, schools are pretty much the only organisations that do. Tutor agencies are probably your best option, though most of these will require you to be self-employed.

There are two main options when it comes to finding a tutor agency – home tutor agencies or online tutor agencies. Because home tutors deal with their clients face-to-face, the agencies which find them work tend to be limited to one particular area. To find tutor jobs listed which are close to you, the best way (other than word of mouth) is to do an internet search for tutor jobs near you.

Depending on where you are based, an internet search could be more or less fruitful. Highly populated areas tend to have more jobs than rural ones. If you have no joy in your search for a home tutor agency, then perhaps you should consider an online tutor agency instead.

How do I get a job tutoring online?

The benefits of modern technology mean that there are now a great many tutors who conduct their lessons online, via Zoom or a similar platform. These are almost identical to home tutors with two differences – the client and tutor do not need to meet face-to-face, and they are cheaper for the client.

As they are less expensive then of course the pay is lower. However, online tutors have less expenses as they do not need to travel. Neither do they have the inconvenience of having somebody in their home.

To find online work as a tutor, as with home tutoring, I suggest you do an internet search for online tutor jobs. There should be a considerable amount of these.

What is the best tutoring agency?

As with all industries, finding a good company to work for can be difficult – especially if you rely on internet searches. Every tutor, and every agency, is different so we cannot answer this question for you. What we have done though is come up with a list of 5 of the biggest. Be aware that there are many more, so I encourage you to do your own research, but this is a good place to start:

[MyTutor](#) is an online tutoring agency which pays up to £20 per hour, with opportunities to earn more.

[Tutorful](#) caters for home and online tutors, helping to connect them with clients. They charge a commission on what you earn, but you can set your own prices.

[UK Tutors](#) is a site for home and online tutors who are free to set their own prices. UK Tutors does not charge a commission. Instead tutors who they find work for pay a one-off introduction fee.

[Tutorhouse](#) connects online tutors with clients. Tutors can set their own prices and will be charged a sliding scale commission of 15-20%.

[Tutorhunt](#) is for online or in person tutors. It does not charge tutors for connecting them with clients. Instead it charges the clients so is completely free for tutors.

Do I need a DBS check to be a tutor?

The law at present does not require self-employed tutors to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. However, most parents (if not all) will not send their child to a tutor who does not have one. In addition, tutoring agencies do require their tutors to have a DBS check.

I hope this article has helped you to answer the question, 'how do I get a job tutoring'. As you have seen, there are a great many tutoring jobs out there but the world of tutoring can be very competitive indeed. Hopefully, with the resources we've shared here you have a better idea of how being employed as a tutor works.