

www.careersportal.ie have been providing a “one stop shop” for those needing or providing career guidance in Ireland since 2008, both in the English and Irish language.

The site is a service to a wide range of end users including 2nd and 3rd level students, adult learners, job seekers, parents and guardians and guidance professionals. It encourages self-discovery using a broad range of self-assessment tools and provides detailed information on the world of education and the world of work to support an individual’s career research.

When examining the world of work, we provide information on the **33** most prominent career sectors and within these sectors we profile over 180 subsectors. These **33 Career Sectors** are divided into 7 main sections which mirror the different career sectors of the economy.

1. Agriculture, Animals and Food
2. [Science, Engineering and Construction](#)
3. Medical, Wellbeing and Sport
4. Creative Arts, Fashion and Media
5. Government, Law and Education
6. Accountancy, Finance and Insurance
7. Business, Sales and Tourism

The “[Science, Engineering and Construction](#)” section has 7 career sectors associated with it and is the main **STEM** areas of the site. The following sectors are included in this area.

- [Biological, Chemical & Pharmaceutical Science](#)
- [Biomedical Technologies and MedTech](#)
- [Computers and ICT](#)
- [Construction, Architecture and Property](#)
- [Earth and Environment](#)
- [Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Physics, Mathematics and Space Science](#)

The **Career (Industry) Sectors** pages integrate information coming directly from our industry partners and key public and private organisations who work directly in this sector. Each one of these main sectors pages pulls together all the most important information needed by anyone interested in this sector. This would include the following;

- Career Sector Overview
- Key Facts about the sector

- Skills needed to work in this sector
- Integrated Labour Market Information
- Current Skills Shortages
- List of Sub Sectors with associated details
- Information coming directly from sector experts on what is happening in the sector, trends, employment opportunities, training opportunities including HET, FET and Apprenticeships
- Opportunities in the sector if you are fluent in Irish
- Opportunities in the sector if you are fluent in a Foreign Language
- **Educational Pathways** - We collaborate with **Education Providers** to provide a database of **CAO** (HET) courses, **Pic** (FET) courses and **Apprenticeships** searchable using one of our key tools the **CourseFinder**. Courses can be searched by sector using various filters and saved to a user's on-line Career File – this search can be filtered by the STEM categories
- We provide detailed **progression routes** from FET to HET in all areas including STEM
- Course Videos are provided by Sector and across the framework of qualifications
- We maintain the national **Occupational Database** which has close to 1,000 occupations profiled, all STEM related occupations are profiled here – information provided in this section includes; what is involved in each occupation, key tasks, skills needed, video and interview with people already employed in this area, **Labour Market information** and **Skills shortages** and the ability to search **Job Vacancies** daily
- **Occupational profiles** including interviews, videos with people working in this country, giving their story and advice for others considering this occupation are provided by sector
- Relevant **Sector Articles**
- Relevant **Sector News Stories** including jobs announcements
- Relevant events are listed on a daily, weekly, monthly basis – these can be filtered by STEM event only
- We provide links to live jobs by sector on a daily basis

A user can also create their own **Career File** which provides them with many useful tools and resources and offers a free space to save career related information and results of career and course research. This is designed **to support career management skills**. Accessible through the Career File is the most popular Irish designed **Interest Profiler** which is a powerful first step in career research and allows users print out an 8-page career report which clearly signposts suitable careers and educational courses. This tool links users directly to STEM careers, where appropriate.

We host a comprehensive **Apprenticeship** section on the site which is searchable by career sector. STEM apprenticeships by sector can be viewed. Detailed information exists on each apprenticeship with links to key information including an overview of the



apprenticeship, what is involved in the work and the training and how you might apply or secure a work contract in the specific area.

We also integrate a comprehensive [Work Experience](#) section on the site where students can search for work experience placements across the country by relevant sector, including all the STEM sectors.

We host the annual **National Career Skills Competition** which has now been running for over 10 years. This competition is being re designed and relaunched for 2021 to include specific emphasis on careers in the STEM area and careers with are helped by having Languages.