

## How to become a... Street Trading Officer

£18,000-£31,000 per year (depending on seniority)

Promotion to: Senior markets officer, trading standards officer, pollution control

### Job Description:

Street trading officers work for the local council and are responsible for the smooth running of market and street trading in their area. They supervise the day-to-day operations of indoor and outdoor markets ensuring they are conducted in line with council policies and current laws.

Officers work as part of a team, on a rota system for 37 hours a week. The work includes ensuring that traders only work within the terms of their contracts, monitoring health & safety, collecting rent, dealing with issues that may affect local residents, writing reports and planning schedules for location and collecting evidence of infringements of the law and preparing reports to form a successful prosecution.



### Personal Competencies



Sunita's family had always had a stall in their local indoor market, selling food and ornaments. She grew up helping out and really enjoyed the buzz of the market. She wasn't really interested in selling products but when she talked to her careers advisor it was suggested that Sunita looked into the local government's role in markets.

She decided to take the Higher Diploma in Public Services to learn more that the values and attributes needed to work well within local government. Sunita's career mapping showed that she could start in the markets and progress to a career in trading standards which she found particularly interesting. Sunita was keen to start work but wanted to know that there would be opportunities to progress and found out about the technical route into trading standards. Sunita is applying for work experience with the current street trading officer.

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### Training and Qualifications

Opportunities exist in city and rural locations. There are no set academic requirement but typically employers ask for 5 GCSEs (A\*-C) including maths and English. Work experience gained as a market attendant or assistant, a technician or enforcement officer in a related area can be advantageous. Training is on-the-job with the National Association of British Market Authorities being the key provider of training covering area like merchandising, market law and trading standards subjects.