



Lighting Technician

Especially trained to operate technical lighting equipment. Lighting technicians are responsible for setting up and operating equipment under the supervision of a lighting director or a 'gaffer'.

Skills:

- Attention to detail
- A meticulous and organised approach to work
- A logical, analytical and creative approach to problems
- Thoroughness and attention to detail
- Business skills and commercial awareness

Areas of work:

- TV
- Radio
- Festivals
- Private companies
- Museums
- Events companies

Income

The annual starting salary for a lighting technician can range between £15,000 and £20,000, while more experienced technicians can earn around £25,000 to £27,000 per annum. Many lighting technicians eventually become freelancers, where they can expect to earn between £1,000 and £1,500 per week.

*The standard day rate for lighting technicians in television drama is £247.50. This is for a ten-hour day.