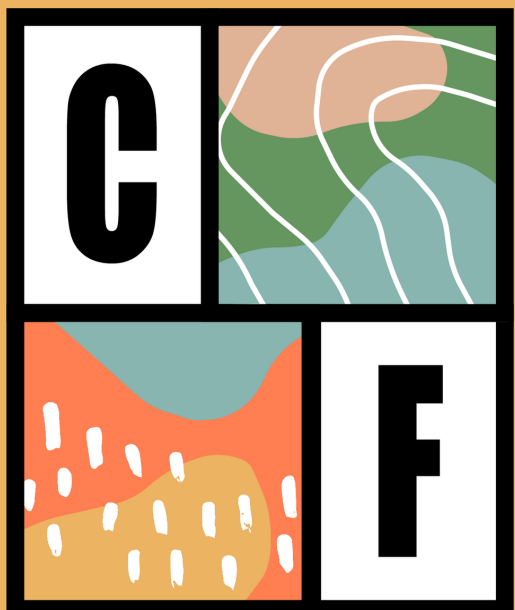




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Probation officers supervise people serving community or prison sentences and help them stay away from taking part in other crime.

You could work at a prison, in a court or in the community with people who are on parole or awaiting sentencing. This role involves working with offenders before, during and after they are sentenced.

The purpose of a Probation Officer is to protect the public and reduce crime by:

**Reducing the risk of re-offending**

**Making sure offenders carry out their punishment**

**Supporting offenders in the community**

**Helping offenders understand how their crimes affect the public and their victims**

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## What you will do:

As a Probation Officer you will have an endless number of duties. Some of the ones you can expect to have often are:

### **Interviewing Offenders**

**Running programmes to change an offenders behaviour**

**Write risk assessments and reports**

**Interview offenders and other relevant people before sentencing**

**Prepare pre-sentence reports to help magistrates and judges decide on the most suitable sentence**

**Enforce community orders, which means making sure offenders attend regular supervision appointments and take part in group programmes or unpaid community work**

**Work with victims of crime to help prisons and review boards when making decisions about parole or early release of offenders.**

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## How to become a Probation Officer:

There are several ways for you to become a Probation Officer:

You can do a foundation degree or undergraduate degree in Criminology, Psychology, Sociology or Youth & Community Work, for which you would need two or three A-levels (or equivalent). These courses can help you gain the necessary knowledge needed to be a Probation Officer.

Once you have obtained your degree, you can then apply for the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP) with the HM Prison and Probation Service.

You can also apply directly to a prison or probation service and undertake a Level 3 Diploma in Probation Practice to receive on the job training, which will give you the necessary experience needed to apply for the PQiP.