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THE CONTACTS

- Southeastern Railways: southeasternrailway.co.uk
- Women in Rail: womeninrail.org
- Association of Train Operating Companies: atoc.org
- City & Guilds: cityandguilds.com

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Switching career **KNOW HOW** Get on the right track

The saying goes... "Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life", but as new research from long-term savings and investment specialists Standard Life reveals, more than half of UK workers have thought about changing careers, so it appears we're far from living the dream. Standard Life have identified Seven Stages of Career:

- Route Researcher** - looking at what's out there
- Options Explorer** - trying opportunities
- Path Picker** - making a choice
- Committed Climber** - working hard for promotion
- Role Reviewer** - pausing to think about what's next
- Life Balancer** - prioritising work-life balance
- Relaxed Realiser** - taking time for the important things

Making a career change may seem daunting, but we're set to work well into our seventies, so it's important you're happy in your career. Here, John Lees, career guru and author of *How To Get A Job You Love*, offers his top tips for switching career:

Review
Establishing your career highs and lows and what you were doing at those points is a useful starting point for determining what you do and don't want to be doing the rest of your working life. Identify what would make you satisfied.

Priorities
Before jumping into a new career, it's essential to think about your priorities in the years ahead, then choose a career to suit your needs.

Skills
Speak to those in your preferred career and establish if your skills and strengths are compatible.

Plan
If your dream job requires a qualification or skills you currently lack, draw up a plan of how you can get these.

Test
If possible, use annual leave to do work experience or an internship in your chosen field to check if it will be the right route for you.

HOW TO: FIND A JOB IN TRANSPORT

Fancy driving off with a new job? We could have just what you need with 26,996 jobs in the world of planes, trains and automobiles.

THE LOWDOWN
The transport industry, which covers everything from railways and buses to airlines and shipping, already employs around one million people and needs the right people to keep the nation moving. The railway industry alone needs 10,000 extra people in the next three years. From clerks to directors, from drivers to engineers and planners to admin assistants, there are transport jobs for everyone from school leaver to graduate.

THE JOBS
At fish4jobs.co.uk, we found 1,258 transport jobs plus 826 driving jobs. These ranged from a transport manager in Manchester (£25,000 to £35,000), transport coordinators in Staines, Surrey (up to £28,000) and a transport planner/controller in Runcorn, Cheshire (£21,000 to £23,500) to coach drivers in Worthing, West Sussex (£9.60 per hour), private hire drivers in Fareham, Hampshire (up to £10 an hour) and a trainee train driver in North West London (from £27,274).

At [jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://jobcentreplus.gov.uk/jobsearch) we found 22,242 transport jobs. Jobs include a transport clerk in Dartford, Kent (£23,000 to £26,000) and a transport dispatcher in Grays, Essex (£20,000 to £25,000). At aviationjobsearch.com, there are 967 jobs including 310 engineers and 250 pilot roles. [Networkrail.co.uk](http://networkrail.co.uk), which runs the country's track and infrastructure, has 171 jobs and tfl.gov.uk 62 jobs. We spotted a further 1,490 jobs at railwaypeople.com, including a senior site agent in Barnsley, South Yorkshire (£38,000 to £45,000) and an assistant project manager in Hertford (£30,000 to £55,000).



DRIVING SEAT
Railway jobs are available

THE TRAINING
Training is essential to safety and career development within all passenger transport and travel. There are many work and college-based apprenticeship qualifications on offer, including some in air fares and ticketing, bus and coach engineering and maintenance and cabin crew. Check out careersatmove.co.uk

Many careers such as structural engineering or transport planning benefit from having a degree while other areas such as driving, piloting, maintenance and engineering require specific on the job training or licences. Each sector has its own requirements. For instance, you cannot work on the railways until you hold a sentinel card (raisentinel.co.uk). Check out nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk for training options.

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ON THE JOB

From the age of 15, Dani Sherwood dreamed of being a train driver. Nine months ago that dream finally became a reality when, after trying constantly, she got a trainee post with Southeastern Railway.

"It's everything I ever imagined it would be," says Dani, 24, who drives trains out of Gillingham, Kent, only minutes from her home.

"I love being in the cab in my own world and the responsibility that comes with it. I was nervous to start with - not of the trains themselves but other things - like pulling up to the buffers at a London terminal for the first time with a platform packed with commuters."

Dani is still driving alongside her mentor but hopes to be driving solo in the next month or two.

"I'm nearly ready!" she says proudly.

After repeated applications Dani succeeded last May.

"I went straight into the classroom for nine weeks to cover things like personal track safety and signals. Then we had to do a traction course which goes through how the trains work."

Dani grew up very familiar with the railway world.

Her Dad worked his way up through the ranks to become a freight train driver and her first rail experience was at six years old, when she walked with her Dad and his best friend along the tracks.

"I love the job," Dani says. "The variety is fantastic. I drive all the different rail stock which is great and do all sorts of routes ranging from in and out of London to shorter local hops. It keeps me focused."

Anyone looking to follow in Dani's footsteps can contact Southeastern on 01732 357419 or email careers@southeasternrailway.co.uk.

JOBS BOARD

Good news for jobseekers as our **Get Britain Working** campaign finds **49,531 jobs up for grabs this week.** We scour the UK to find who has jobs and where - to help you head in the right direction for work. We've teamed up with our brilliant website **Fish4Jobs** to create a one-stop jobs shop on our website. Visit mirror.co.uk/jobs for lots more opportunities and advice.

Transport 26,996 jobs
See above for jobs for all ages and levels of expertise in the world of transport.

Virgin Active 260 jobs

There are opportunities available across the chain's 117 health clubs in areas ranging from management and maintenance to sales and central support, personal training and more. The company says staff need to be flexible, open to new things and enjoy multi-tasking. In return they are offered great extras and opportunities to progress.

Occado 200+ jobs

The growing online supermarket is recruiting in a range of departments, including part-time contact centre advisors, and IT staff at its head office in Hatfield, Herts; personal shoppers, warehouse staff and LOV drivers in Hatfield and Dordon, Warwicks; and van delivery drivers at a number of locations, who must have some customer experience.

Fish4jobs 21,425 jobs

Across the UK and in all sorts of sectors. Direct Line is searching for sales and customer service professionals in Manchester, Citizens Advice is hiring support workers in Newcastle, and Seadrill needs financial professionals in Liverpool.

Travelodge 450 jobs

The budget hotel chain is creating hundreds of jobs this year by opening 19 new hotels - and says it has another 250 still to come! The company says the new launches will include locations such as Bristol, Glasgow and London, where four new hotels will open in 2016. Currently, there are vacancies for hotel operations staff including managers, team members and cleaners, plumbers, carpenters, painters and electricians, plus roles at the hotel support centre in Oxfordshire.

Accor Hotels 200 jobs

The group which incorporates brands such as Mercure, Novotel and Ibis has vacancies across the country for a wide range of hospitality staff, including receptionists, front office and guest services team members, chefs at all levels, bar managers and associates, food and beverage team members, maintenance and spa staff. Accor says it is committed to developing people's skills and offers an attractive package.

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