



Building and Construction

BSS Group axes jobs under cost-cutting programme

A leading plumbing and heating equipment supplier based in Leicester has reduced its workforce as part of a cost-cutting move. [Read more](#)



Computers and IT

Computer lessons 'lagging behind'

Fewer English children are taking national qualifications in information technology, despite its importance, a report says. [Read more](#)

e-skills Bulletin

The e-skills Bulletin is the definitive source of information about changes in the demand/supply of ICT labour and skills in the UK. Key findings for Quarter 3 2008 include:

- a continued decline in the number of both permanent and contact ICT positions on offer
- advertised rates of pay for ICT staff fell slightly while the actual earnings reported by ICT staff rose a little during Q3

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Education and Training

Apprenticeship plan for schools

Ministers say they want schools in England to take on apprentices in the role of teaching assistants. [Read more](#)



Engineering

Engineering firm sheds 60 workers

Sixty jobs have been axed at an engineering firm which went into administration after hitting financial problems. [Read more](#)

Brush secures £289m in orders

One of Leicestershire's biggest engineering firms has secured £289 million of orders thanks to major worldwide investment in power stations. [Read more](#)



Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Thousands join queue for 150 low-paid jobs at Twycross

More than 3,000 desperate job-hunters descended on Twycross Zoo for just 150 low-paid summer vacancies. [Read story](#)

120 apply for 50 East Midlands Airport jobs

After the huge crowds seen at recent jobs fairs in Leicestershire, visitors to a recruitment day for East Midlands Airport arrived early to avoid the queues. [Read more](#)



Manufacturing and Production

Factory downturn 'accelerating'

About 140,000 jobs will go in UK manufacturing this year as the downturn is showing no signs of easing, a survey suggests. [Read more](#)

Manufacturers suffer sharp decline in orders

Manufacturers in Leicestershire have seen orders fall "drastically" in the past three months, according to a business organisation. [Read more](#)



Media, Print & Publishing

Troubled ITV cuts jobs and costs

ITV announces it is cutting 600 jobs across its business, and plans to make other "significant" savings. [Read more](#)



Performing Arts

London agencies lacking model behaviour

The Government has put modelling and entertainment agencies in London under the spotlight. Nine agencies have been issued with warnings for failing to comply with the law. [Read more](#)



Retail Sales and Customer Services

Leicester's Jessops cuts HQ jobs and closes 17 stores

Up to 50 people face the axe at a struggling camera chain Jessops, which is also to close 17 stores across the country. [Read more](#)



Science, Mathematics and Statistics

Science Park bid 'could bring 3,500 jobs to Leicestershire'

Business leaders have welcomed news that up to 3,500 science park jobs could be on their way to Leicestershire. [Read more](#)



Security & Armed Forces

600 chase just one police job

More than 600 people applied for one job with the police in a striking example of the desperate search for work in Leicestershire. [Read more](#)



Social Work and Counselling Services

Male social work recruitment falls for third year

The number of men pursuing a career in social work has fallen for a third consecutive year according to a report by the General Social Care Council (GSCC) published today. [Read more](#)

Skills

'Too few' apprenticeships started

Too few teenagers in England are starting apprenticeships a report by the Skills Commission says. The report comes shortly after a survey which suggested a majority of teachers rate their knowledge of apprenticeships as poor.

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Economy/general LMI

National Skills Forum unveils new report into gender skills gap

'Closing the Gender Skills Gap', a major report by the National Skills Forum, part of Policy Connect Skills, has been unveiled. The UK is missing out on a huge pool of talent with many women working below their skill level in low-paid, low-skilled occupations. [Read more](#)

Half graduate recruiters cut jobs

Finance firms are predicted to spearhead a 5.4% fall in graduate vacancies this year but some sectors will have more to offer. [Read more](#)

Recession-proof learners with work related skills

Publicly-funded education and training must help recession-proof learners by making them more employable, according to a report published today by the government's skills policy watchdog, the UK Commission for Employment and Skills. [Read more](#)

Future looks bright despite economic crisis

UKCES report "Working Futures" finds that despite the current crisis in both the world and the domestic economy, a more optimistic picture is projected for the labour market over the long term to 2017. Employment is projected to continue to rise over the decade as a whole, with the creation of 13.5 million job openings, of which two million will be new. [Read more.](#)

Agency workers - know your rights

The Government has launched a new £1million campaign today to help agency workers know their rights and help employers know their responsibilities. [Read more](#)

Job vacancies fall at record rate

Vacancies at UK employment agencies are declining at their fastest rate on record, a survey indicates. [Read more](#)