

# Consultant or Contractor

Which type of civil engineer are you?

Whichever sector they work in, most civil and structural engineers work for construction consultants or construction contractors. But which are you?



I want to get out and about in my job – not be stuck behind a desk.

APPLY TO...

CONTRACTORS...

Engineers are out on site whatever the weather, implementing designs, carrying out the building work.



I'm fascinated by the nitty gritty design work on my course.

APPLY TO...

CONSULTANTS...

Engineers complete the designs in an office before work begins on site and then resolve any queries from the contractors.



I get bored if I work on one thing for long periods of time.

APPLY TO...

CONSULTANTS...

Consultants tend to work on multiple projects at a time. Contracting engineers can work on one project for upwards of a year.



I want to manage people and project packages from the start.

APPLY TO...

CONTRACTORS...

It is at contractors where you step right into managing teams on parts of projects.



I want regular hours and a regular commute.

APPLY TO...

CONSULTANTS...

Consulting engineers work office hours while contractors work longer days. Consultants typically work from a central office.



I want to travel during my career.

APPLY TO...

BOTH...

If you want a chance of working overseas earlier in your career, choose an international employer.



I want to progress quickly my career.

APPLY TO...

BOTH...

There are equal opportunities for progression at consultants.



I want to see my project being built.

APPLY TO...

CONTRACTORS...

You'll see it being built before your eyes. Consulting engineers typically visit sites only occasionally.