

# LIVE ABERDEEN

Aberdeen is unique, which is why it is consistently voted one of the top places in the UK to live and work. Regularly achieving one of the highest living standards in the UK, people who live in Aberdeen benefit from a high quality of life, with city facilities offering exceptional education, healthcare, choice of housing and leisure activities.

The 2013 Good Growth for Cities Report found that Aberdeen is the best Scottish city to live and work, and second in the UK. Aberdeen is creating private sector jobs and is making a big contribution to the UK economy.

## Quality of Life

Many families need look no further than Aberdeen and the surrounding area as the place to relocate to. The lifestyle is the factor cited most often by people who decide to move here, with many choosing to stay on following a move from elsewhere in the UK or overseas.

Aberdeen is a truly cosmopolitan city that offers a great range of cultural activities, festivals and events in addition to the superb array of shopping, restaurants, bars and night life one would expect from one of the UK's most competitive cities. Aberdeen has embraced its international workforce with specialist food shops, supermarkets and restaurants offering a wide variety of ethnic foods.

It is Aberdeen's close proximity to some of the most awe-inspiring countryside and coastline that sets it apart from other international cities. It is also one of the few major cities with a beach, which is just a short stroll from the city centre. Long sandy



Aberdeen Beach



Cottown of Balgownie

beaches, cliff side bird sanctuaries, wooded glens and craggy mountains are just some of the highlights waiting to be explored.

The region has some of the best spring salmon fishing and grouse shooting in the world and the coast also offers offshore water sports as well as dolphin and seal spotting. A wide range of outdoor sports are available from kite surfing to hill walking as well as exceptional snow sports in the winter months. With a golf course for every week of the year, Aberdeen and the surrounding area is a golfer's paradise, from the newly opened Trump International Golf Links at Balmedie to Royal Aberdeen which is the 6th oldest golf course in the world.

The city boasts high weekly wages that are well above the national average and crime rates are among the lowest in the country.

Even the weather here is enviable – the North East is the driest region in Scotland and Aberdeen was recently named the sunniest city in the UK.

It's not surprising that Aberdeen was recently voted one of the UK's happiest cities!

We are sure you will have a rewarding experience here and we look forward to helping you choose Aberdeen as your new location.



Golfing at Balnagask

# Living and Working in Aberdeen

## What are the career prospects in Aberdeen?

The vibrant business community means the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and flourishing, as is demonstrated by the large number of global businesses that have made Aberdeen their base.

Aberdeen and the surrounding area has one of the lowest unemployment levels in the UK with a job density of 1:1.2, meaning there are 1.2 full time posts for every person of working age. There are currently a large number of major investments within the energy sector, which has seen an increase in demand for experienced engineers and technicians of all disciplines. This also impacts on the service sector creating an increase in demand for all types of staff.

All major companies have employment opportunities promoted on their company websites. Alternatively there are a large number of employment agencies located in Aberdeen. Contact details for all agencies can be found at [yell.com](http://yell.com)

There are also a large number of recruitment websites that specialise in oil and gas recruitment:

- [oilcareers.com](http://oilcareers.com)
- [S1jobs.com](http://S1jobs.com)
- [rigzone.com](http://rigzone.com)
- [myoilandgascareer.com](http://myoilandgascareer.com)



Affordable Housing

## What type of housing is available in Aberdeen?

Property choice in Aberdeen is varied from affordable housing to stunning granite stone townhouses. Before moving to Aberdeen you will need to arrange initial accommodation:

- **RENTED PROPERTY:** Private sector – private landlords let part or fully furnished properties from one bedroom flats to mansion houses.

- **PRIVATE PROPERTY:** All solicitors within Aberdeen advertise local properties for sale via their own website or through Aberdeen Solicitors Property Centre [aspc.co.uk](http://aspc.co.uk). Viewing this website will give an indication of style, size and price.

Information on renting or purchasing properties can be found on the following websites:

- [aspc.co.uk](http://aspc.co.uk)
- [pressandjournal.co.uk](http://pressandjournal.co.uk)
- [yell.com](http://yell.com) – search for local estate agencies

- **BED & BREAKFAST:** Available from family run homes and guest houses to national hotel chains. Details of local establishments can be obtained from Visit Aberdeen [visitaberdeen.com](http://visitaberdeen.com) or Aberdeen City and Shire Hotels Association [aberdeenhoteles.org](http://aberdeenhoteles.org)

- **TEMPORARY HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Hostel accommodation is available throughout the year with university halls of residence being readily available during the summer months:

University of Aberdeen  
Tel: 044 (0)1224 272218  
Scottish Agricultural College  
Tel: 044 (0)1224 711012

## What are the education options in Aberdeen?

Aberdeen is known as the city of learning and holds a high record of academic achievements through its schools and further education system. Aberdeen offers a wide variety of public nurseries, primary and secondary schools. Information about registering children for school places, public/school holidays and school performance can be obtained from Aberdeen City Council [aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://aberdeencity.gov.uk). There are also a number of independent private schools offering nursery to pre university education.

Additionally, Aberdeen boasts two award winning universities and one of Scotland's largest further education colleges: University of Aberdeen [abdn.ac.uk](http://abdn.ac.uk), Robert Gordon University [rgu.ac.uk](http://rgu.ac.uk), North East Scotland College [abcol.ac.uk](http://abcol.ac.uk)



Variety of Educational Choices

## What medical facilities are there in Aberdeen?

Medical care is available through the National Health Service (NHS). To receive treatment you will need to register with a local doctor's surgery and also a dental practice to identify if medical treatment will be free. Further information can be found on the NHS Grampian website [nhsgrampian.com](http://nhsgrampian.com)

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## What is the cost of living in Aberdeen?

- Rent for one bedroom flat - £500 - £800 per month
- Bed & Breakfast accommodation - £40 - £60 per night
- Litre of fuel - £1.33 (approx)
- Pint of beer - £3.00 (approx)
- Cappuccino - £1.90 (approx)
- Dinner for two people - £50 (approx)
- Pint of milk - £0.46
- Loaf of bread - £1.23
- Big Mac - £2.49
- Cinema ticket - £7.50 (approx)
- Income Tax - 20% initial rate



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