

PRESS RELEASE:**“Massive Monday:” Mega jobs rush predicted for 4th January**

- 2015 ends on jobs high with Q4 job vacancies increasing by 19% year on year
- Education, construction and engineering sectors drive jobs growth in 2015
- Construction, manufacturing and health expected to be employment hot spots in 2016

‘Massive Monday’ (4 January 2016) is set to be the busiest job seeking day ever, as reed.co.uk predicts workers will flock to the site in a bid to make a fresh start to their career in the New Year.

2015 is set to end on a jobs high, as employers gear up for growth in 2016. The latest Job Index data from reed.co.uk reveals a Q4 2015 year-on-year rise in new jobs of 19%, and a whopping 172% growth since 2009.

Massive Monday 2015 (5th January) saw a record 11,500 new jobs added to reed.co.uk, with jobseekers inundating the site with applications between 11am and 12pm. Job applications soared by almost a third (31%) on the previous year, totalling more than 235,000 applications on one single day.

Commenting on the latest figures, James Reed, Chairman of reed.co.uk, said:

“2015 has been an encouraging year for jobs, and as Britain returns to work on ‘Massive Monday’, we expect to see record breaking numbers of new jobseekers and employment opportunities.

“After taking time out over Christmas, many of us start January ready for a fresh start and for lots of us that means finding a new job.

The combination of a buoyant jobs market, which saw a 19% annual rise in the number of available new jobs in the final quarter of 2015, and the first working day of the New Year, will see record numbers of jobseekers applying for new vacancies.

As the Reed Job Index of new opportunities indicates, prospects are positive for 2016, so whether it’s a new challenge, a step up the career ladder or a higher salary, January will be a great time to enter the market for a new job.”

In an increasingly candidate driven jobs market, the reed.co.uk Job Index for Q4 2015 stood at 272 points, 19% higher than Q4 2014. The top five sectors to fuel growth in 2015 were:

1. Training (+49%)
2. Education (+46%)
3. Engineering (+43%)
4. Construction & Property (+39%)
5. Accountancy (+35%)

Other sectors boasting strong growth and expected to remain hot for job prospects for 2016 include health and medicine (+27%) and manufacturing (+25%).

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About reed.co.uk

- reed.co.uk is the UK's largest commercial job board, with over 200,000 job opportunities from more than 10,000 recruiters at any one time.
- reed.co.uk is part of Reed Global, the international recruitment group of companies.

About the Reed Job Index

- Each month the Reed Job Index tracks the number of new job opportunities and the salaries on offer compared to the previous month and against a baseline of 100 set in December 2009. The Reed Job Index is based on data from the UK's largest job board, reed.co.uk, which every day lists over 200,000 job opportunities from 10,000 recruiters across 37 career sectors throughout the UK.

- The Reed Job Index is compiled by data drawn from online job vacancies and jobseeker activity on reed.co.uk.