

I work as a Chemist Mixer in a factory located in Newquay, England, a town renowned for its stunning coastal scenery and vibrant surf culture. Living and working here adds a unique charm to my life, as the beauty of the surroundings offers a refreshing balance to the intensity of my job.

In my role and as a part of my job description, I'm responsible for preparing, measuring, and mixing raw materials and chemicals according to precise formulas to produce high-quality products. Anyone can become a Chemical Mixer since a bachelor's degree isn't needed. However, you do need to complete about a year of hands-on training and pass a bunch of specialized courses to meet the safety and technical requirements.

Along with mixing the chemicals, I'm constantly monitoring the process to make sure we're hitting all the right quality standards. I follow clear and precise procedures to ensure the final product is up to spec and consistent.

In my job, being adaptable and meticulous is crucial, especially because of the safety risks involved. The environment can get pretty intense, with risks like explosions, fires, injuries, or asphyxia so sticking to strict safety protocols is a must and if you don't follow them to the letter, you will be dismissed.

The one thing I dislike—and it's something that genuinely concerns me in the long term—is being constantly exposed to so many different raw materials and chemicals. No matter how careful you are, it's hard to ignore the potential health risks that come with prolonged exposure.

On the other hand, though, there are plenty of things I love about my job. To begin, it's very well-paid, which is always a big plus. Another thing I appreciate is the clearly defined structure—with detailed protocols and procedures in place, there's no guesswork (most of the time), which makes the work feel organized and straightforward.

On top of that, the work-life balance is fantastic. It's just 35 hours a week, Monday to Friday, so I have my mornings and weekends free to enjoy life or to do whatever I want, which in this case, is studying and more courses.

An aspect equally important to my job is living where I live. It gives me a fresh perspective on life and fills me with a sense of peace. The town's natural beauty, from the Atlantic sunsets to the winding South West Coast Path and the constant sound of the seagulls, helps me recharge and find balance. Whether it's being in the water, catching some waves or just watching those waves crash against the cliffs, my town provides a sense of calm and inspiration that I carry into my work.