

Careers Pathways in Business Finance and Law

Facts

- Self-employment is common in some parts of financial services. Accountancy and financial services. Accountancy and financial services are two areas where self-employment is especially widespread.
- The civil Service is the largest employer of lawyers in the UK – they work in more than thirty different departments ranging from HM Revenue and Customs to the Department for Energy and Climate Change.
- Major Banks and well known accountancy firms such as KPMG, Ernst and Young and Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) are among the Largest recruiters of graduates in the UK.



Job Opportunities

Many of the bigger financial companies are multinational and opportunities exist to work overseas, although this may depend upon having additional skills or competences, such as languages.

Graduate jobs in accountancy exist within charities and not-for-profit organisations but the majority of opportunities in this sector are in profit-generating businesses.

The legal services industry incorporates a range of services or clients requiring legal assistance. Opportunities are available in private practice, the public sector and in-house in industry and commerce.

The business consulting industry in the UK is worth around £8.5 billion and employs more than 80,000 people. Business manager specialise in areas such as human resources (HR) and IT, and support firms both from within the company and as external services suppliers.





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Career Area	Job Description	Career Pathways	A Level Subject
Economics	Economists understand the workings of the financial systems on which modern life depends.	Economists work in areas such as Investment and Private Banking, Mergers and Acquisitions and for Government	You may wish to consider studying A Level Maths, further Maths and Economics
Accountancy	Accountancy is a vital business function for all businesses and public organisations	Job areas include Accounts Clerk, Credit Controller, Chartered Accountant and Auditor	Useful subjects are Business Studies, Economics, Maths and Further Maths
Business and Finance	This is a broad pathway which will interest those who see their future in business and financial management	Jobs include Financial Manger, Events Organiser, Marketing, Management Consultant, Public Relations Officer	Useful subjects are Business Studies, Economics, IT, Maths and Further Maths
Law	Legal matters are central to most aspects of life and legal professionals are involved with interpreting and applying the Law	Job Roles include Barrister, Company Secretary, Legal Executive and Solicitor.	You may wish to study A Level Law and other course such as English, History, Economics, Criminology or Philosophy and Ethics

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Useful Websites

Careers after your degree – www.prospects.ac.uk

National Careers Service www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

BBC work Experience www.bbc.co.uk/careers/work-experience

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales www.icaew.com

Chartered Institute of Public Relations www.cipr.co.uk

Chartered Institute of Marketing www.cim.co.uk

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants www.accaglobal.com

Chambers Student Guide www.chamberstudent.co.uk

The Bar Council www.barcouncil.org.uk

The Institute of Legal Executives www.ilex.org.uk

The Society of England and Wales www.lawsociety.org.uk

Accounting Technicians www.aat.org.uk