

Finance & Accountancy Career Guide



Why work in Finance?

A career in Finance & Accountancy offers a wide range of opportunities and often lucrative packages. As constant innovation is common place a career in the sector means you're always learning and experiencing a fast-paced work day.

In order to be successful you'll need to be excellent with numbers and have good organisational, business and people skills. The UK has a large financial services industry which offer a variety of roles in sectors.

Is Finance right for me?

Forging a successful career in Finance requires a certain set of skills, including:

- ✓ Enjoying working with numbers
- ✓ Ability to learn quickly
- ✓ Good communication and working as part of a team
- ✓ Rapid problem solving

What qualifications do I need?

Because jobs in the finance industry can be extremely lucrative, basic qualifications to break into the industry are high. While there are always exceptions to every rule, for the most part, an undergraduate degree is an absolute minimum when seeking a job in the finance industry.

In addition, many have graduate degrees; MBAs are most commonly found, but other types of master's degrees and PhDs are also prevalent.

What makes a good Finance CV?

- ✓ Evidence of hard and soft skills
- ✓ Technical proficiency
- ✓ Examples of value added in previous roles
- ✓ Any transferable business skills
- ✓ A demonstrable understanding of key regulations, client needs and software
- ✓ Levels of finance qualifications listed

Sectors include:

- ✓ Banking
- ✓ Corporate finance
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Accountancy
- ✓ Financial advice & investment

Progression example:

Finance Director



Finance Manager



Finance Officer



Finance Assistant



Average starting salary

£14,000*



Highest Earners

£70,000*

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