Qualifications

England and Wales

- GCSEs and A levels can lead to a finance career after school or college.
- Advanced apprenticeship (Level 3).
- Bachelors/Masters degree or Degree apprenticeship (Level 6-7).
- Audit trainees can obtain the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certification in financial services by obtaining the Association of Chartered Accountants (ACA) qualification.
- National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) (Level 4-8); NVQs cover almost every occupational area in business sector.

Scotland

- Higher level qualification.
- Foundation apprenticeship (SCQF Level 4-6).
- Honours/Masters degree or Modern/Degree apprenticeship (SCQF Level 10-11) can lead to the Chartered Accountant (CA) qualification in financial services.
- Scottish Vocational Qualification (SCQF level 6).
- HNC/HND in Financial Services or a related area.
- SVQ in Professional Services at SCQF level 8.
- Degree-level study.
- Modern apprenticeship (SCQF Level 5-8).
- Graduate apprenticeship.

220,100 estimated job openings by 2027



Business and finance; looking at the sector.



Useful skills

- Commercial and business awareness
- Communication and presentation skills
- An analytical approach to work
- Numeracy and technical skills
- Problem-solving skills and initiative
- Negotiation skills and the ability to influence others
- Attention to detail and an investigative nature

£47,840-£79,040

average salary

Related subjects

- Accountancy and finance
- Business
- Economics
- Management
- Mathematics
- Statistics



1.5m people currently employed in sector

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