

SECTOR FOCUS:

# Financial and Professional Services in Greater Manchester

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The Financial and Professional Services sector is a significant employer in the UK and offers a wide variety of career opportunities.

This sector includes industries such as banking and fund management, pensions and insurance, legal and accounting, management consultancy, architectural and engineering and real estate. New technologies and new ways of doing business are often used within this sector first.

## What jobs are available?

Typical jobs and starting annual salaries in the sector include:



CREDIT CONTROLLER  
**£20,050**



INSURANCE UNDERWRITER  
**£32,000**



BOOK-KEEPER OR  
PAYROLL MANAGER  
**£19,300**



LEGAL PROFESSIONAL  
**£41,600**

## Fast Facts

In Greater Manchester, the Financial and Professional Services is:



**25,800**  
employers



**3%**  
of businesses have  
50+ employees



**27%**  
growth in sector since 2005



Expected to create  
**48,000**  
new jobs by 2025

In the sector:



Financial & Professional  
Services remains a large  
and growing sector.



There is an increasing  
number of jobs at all skill  
levels.



## What companies are based in Greater Manchester?

Leading Financial and Professional Services employers in Greater Manchester include:

- Accenture (UK) Limited
- Aviva Plc
- British United Provident Association
- Co-operative Financial Services
- Direct Line Insurance Group Plc
- N Brown Group Plc
- Paystream My Max Limited
- Paysure Limited
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
- RSA Insurance Group Plc
- Savills Management Resources Limited
- Serco Limited

## How do I get into the sector?

You can get into Financial and Professional Services via a number of routes, including:

### ➤ COLLEGES

Most local authority websites list nearby colleges or try the National Careers Service 'Find a course' tool at: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/course-directory/home>.

### ➤ UNIVERSITIES

The majority of university level courses are listed on the UCAS website. To search for relevant courses go to: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

### ➤ TRAINING PROVIDERS

Many local training providers are listed on the Greater Manchester Apprenticeship Hub website at: <http://theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk/regional-map/> or you can search using the 'Find a course' tool listed above.

### ➤ APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

For general information or to search for vacancies try the National Apprenticeships service at: <https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>.

## How do I find out more?

For more information, go to:

### NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

➤ <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

### NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY FINANCIAL SERVICES

➤ [www.nsafs.co.uk](http://www.nsafs.co.uk)

### FINANCIAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP (DIRECTIONS)

➤ [www.directions.org.uk](http://www.directions.org.uk)