

# ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS & LAW

Money makes the world go around. If you're nimble with numbers or have entrepreneurial flair then accountancy or business is for you.

Or perhaps you're passionate about maintaining order, protecting liberties and rights and are good at resolving disputes? A career in Law is calling! This sector is hugely varied in a non-stop, competitive environment. Take a look at the different career paths you could follow:

## Accountancy

Accountants are extremely organised and meticulous with numbers, keeping track of a company and an individual's finances, cash flow and performance. Roles start at entry level as a technician through to a qualified accountant.

## Banking Sector/Financial Advisor

Usually customer-facing yet the spectrum is vast, dealing in international and domestic money management, loans, foreign exchange and much more. Financial advisers are problem solvers and strategic thinkers, helping make the most out of people's money, whatever they have. You can start as a bank cashier and progress in a variety of avenues; opportunities to upskill are endless.

## Insurance Officer

Insurance is often a legal requirement such as to drive a car or maintain a mortgage. The insurance industry is for those who like to provide solutions, deliver excellent customer service and crosses over with law and legislation.

## Legal Advisor/Law

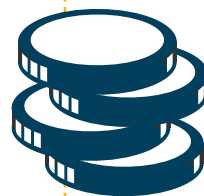
Law can be extremely demanding but very rewarding. A calm, diligent approach, attention to detail and having your clients' interests at heart are key to succeed. Roles range from secretarial to qualified solicitors and specialisms such as property or injury.

## Sales & Marketing

Fast paced, competitive and target-driven careers starting with your customer's want or need in mind. These roles often mean working under pressure but rewards can be high.

## Entrepreneur

Forever thinking of new business ideas? Be the next Lord Sugar or Sir Richard Branson! Almost 2/3 of entrepreneurs say that they had no experience of managing a business before taking the plunge! Work ethic, grit and business acumen are key to successful entrepreneurship.



**£31,361**  
**£16.30/HR**  
TYPICAL  
AVERAGE  
WAGE IN THIS  
INDUSTRY

**TOTAL JOBS  
IN THIS  
INDUSTRY**

**60,168 WALES**  
**1,910,382 UK**



**SOME OF THE HIGHEST SALARIES  
ARE PAID IN THIS SECTOR**



**A FULLY QUALIFIED  
ACCOUNTANT COULD  
EARN AROUND**

**£70,000  
PER YEAR!**



**THIS SECTOR  
HAS A FAIRLY  
EVEN NUMBER  
OF MALE  
AND FEMALE  
EMPLOYEES**



(source EMSI Q1 2018 Dataset)

## What can I study, and where?

	Duration	CK	BGLZ	NP	PP
Accounting Level 3	1 year			✓	
Accounting Level 2	1 year			✓	
Business Studies Level 2	1 year	✓			✓
Business Level 3 (Extended Diploma)	2 years	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business and Law Level 2	1 year			✓	
Customer Service Level 2	1 year			✓	

## Useful links

[www.financialskillspartnership.org.uk](http://www.financialskillspartnership.org.uk) Financial Skills Partnership  
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