

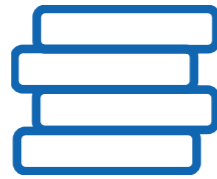
Accounting, Finance, and Law Sector

What is the Accounting, Finance, and Law Sector?

Often called "Professional Services", the sector covers a range of regulated professions. These workers support businesses and individuals with their finances and legal responsibilities.



Average annual salary
£35,600



Percentage of GM workforce working in this sector

23%

(309,000 employed)

Approximate number of GM employers

9,265



Who might you work for?

- [PwC](#)
- [Ernst Young](#)
- [Natwest](#)
- [BNY Mellon](#)
- [Together Money](#)
- [Grant Thornton](#)
- [Aviva](#)
- [AJ Bell](#)
- [BDO](#)

Workplace trends

- Greater Manchester is one of the largest financial centres outside of London.
- While many larger firms have a city centre presence, there are a range of companies in each Greater Manchester borough.
- Many roles in the sector are now "hybrid", meaning they are working from home as well as from the office.
- Some professions like Lawyers and Accountants have very specific qualification requirements and staff often need to become "chartered".



Shortage and in demand roles

- Accountant
- Solicitor
- Customer Service
- Paralegal



Roles that GM employers are currently recruiting for

- Customer Service
- Financial Manager
- Accountant
- Bookkeeper
- Lawyer
- Solicitor
- Underwriter
- Credit Control
- Tax Assistants
- Data Analyst
- Paralegal

What do I need to start my career?

Apprenticeships are becoming more common in the sector for most roles.

Some entry level customer service roles require very little experience.



Types of qualifications

Colleges often offer entry level book-keeping and accounting courses (levels 1-2).

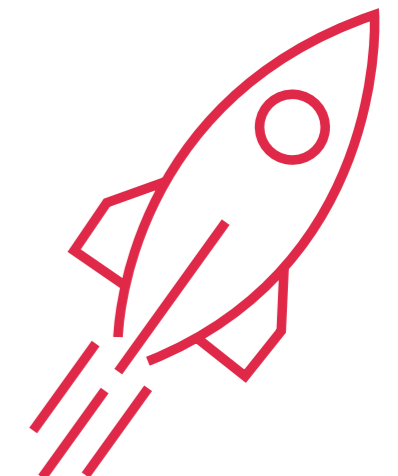
Many relevant apprenticeships from levels 2-7.

Degrees offered by many universities include Law, Accounting, and Economics



What does the future hold for this sector?

- **Digitalisation** – using software and digital methods to manage finances and legal cases.
- **Sustainability** – using financing solutions to support sustainable businesses and the green economy.
- **Diversity** – many firms traditionally only employed graduates but this is now starting to change.



Soft skills

- Customer service
- Microsoft Office
- Project management
- Communication
- Attention to detail
- Time management
- Teamwork

Want to know more? – Read about the accounting, finance and law industry [here](#) or find out about different routes into the industry [here](#). You can also [search law careers online](#).

