

# Interested in a **FINANCE** career in the WEST MIDLANDS?

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Accounting technician • Accounts clerk - bookkeeper • Actuary • Auditor • Bank manager • Business adviser • Company secretary • Credit controller • Credit manager • Economist • Financial adviser • Insurance broker • Insurance claims handler • Insurance loss adjuster • Investment analyst • Management accountant • Money adviser or debt counsellor • Payroll manager • Pensions adviser • Private practice accountant • Public finance accountant • School business manager • Stockbroker • Tax adviser • Tax inspector

### EXAMPLES OF FINANCE EMPLOYERS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

• Deloitte UK



• KPMG



• PwC

• Barclays



• HSBC



• Lloyds Bank

• Nationwide Building Society

• The Royal Bank of Scotland

• Halifax



• Aviva



• AXA UK

21,814



employed in Banks

17,261



employed in Accounting  
and auditing activities

7,020



employed in Bookkeeping  
activities

6,860



employed in Insurance

3,709



employed in Building  
Societies

1,404



employed in Life Insurance

### ENTRY AND QUALIFICATIONS

There are several entry points for this sector. Apprenticeships are available and you can gain qualifications at all levels through to postgraduate level.



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**SALARIES** can range from:



Accounting Technician £16,000 - £22,000

Building Society Manager £22,500 - £60,000+

Investment Manager £35,000 - £70,000



## IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FINANCE

- Around two thirds of the 2.2 million jobs in finance and professional services are outside London with Birmingham among the hotspots.
- Around 1 million people have qualifications administered by the UK's legal, accounting and related professional bodies.
- Nearly 70,000 cash machines are available in the UK.
- The UK has the most cash machines in the European Union with more per person than in France, Italy or Germany.
- Around 9,000 bank branches are available in the UK.
- The UK has the second largest pension industry worldwide.
- Over half of all UK families and households have savings and pensions that are managed by the UK fund management industry.
- Nine out of ten households in the UK are estimated to have at least one insurance product.
- Most businesses would not be able to operate without the financial services industry.



## SKILLS REQUIRED



- confidence in working with numbers
- good spoken and written communication skills
  - an interest in business and finance
  - good organisational skills
- the ability to solve problems and analyse figures
- a high level of accuracy and attention to detail
  - the ability to work to strict deadlines
  - an awareness of confidentiality issues
- teamwork skills
- IT and keyboard skills



## More Information

- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>
- <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

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