

SECTOR FOCUS:

# Financial and Professional Services in Lancashire

**National  
Careers  
Service**

Helping you take  
the next step



Lancashire  
Enterprise Partnership

Lancashire has a thriving financial and professional services sector, supporting businesses across the county and beyond. From accountants and law firms, financial advisors and insurance brokers, specialist property related consultancies and recruitment agencies through to large business process outsourcing organisations.

Many of the jobs in the sector are based in the county's major urban centres of Preston, Blackpool, Burnley and Blackburn.

## What jobs are available?

Typical jobs and starting annual salaries in the sector include:



ACCOUNTING  
TECHNICIAN

**£18,000**



INSURANCE BROKER

**£19,000**



ACTUARY

**£30,000**



INVESTMENT ANALYST

**£25,000**



FINANCIAL ADVISER

**£25,000**



LEGAL SECRETARY

**£20,000**

## Fast facts

In Lancashire, the Financial and Professional Services sector is:



**5,200**  
businesses



**40,000+**  
employees



**13%**  
of Lancashire's workforce



Expected to create  
**16,000**  
new jobs by 2022



**3,000**  
new apprentices  
per year

Challenges for the sector:



Ageing workforce



Changing demand  
for services



Impact of  
technology (e.g.  
cloud accounting)



## What companies are based in Lancashire?

Leading financial and professional services employers in Lancashire include:

- Begbies Traynor
- Chesnara PLC
- Chorley Building Society
- Danbro
- Farleys Solicitors
- Forbes Solicitors
- Key Retirement Solutions
- KPMG
- Marsden Building Society
- Moore and Smalley
- Napthens Solicitors
- National Savings and Investments
- PM+M
- RSM
- Taylor Patterson

## How do I get into the sector?

You can get into financial and professional services via a number of routes, including:

- COLLEGES
- UNIVERSITIES
- TRAINING PROVIDERS
- APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS
- **Click on a route above to find out more**

## How do I find out more?

For more information, go to:

- NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE  
➤ <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
- LANCASHIRE SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT HUB  
➤ [www.lancashireskillshub.co.uk](http://www.lancashireskillshub.co.uk)
- SECTOR SKILLS COUNCIL  
➤ [www.financialskillspartnership.org.uk](http://www.financialskillspartnership.org.uk)