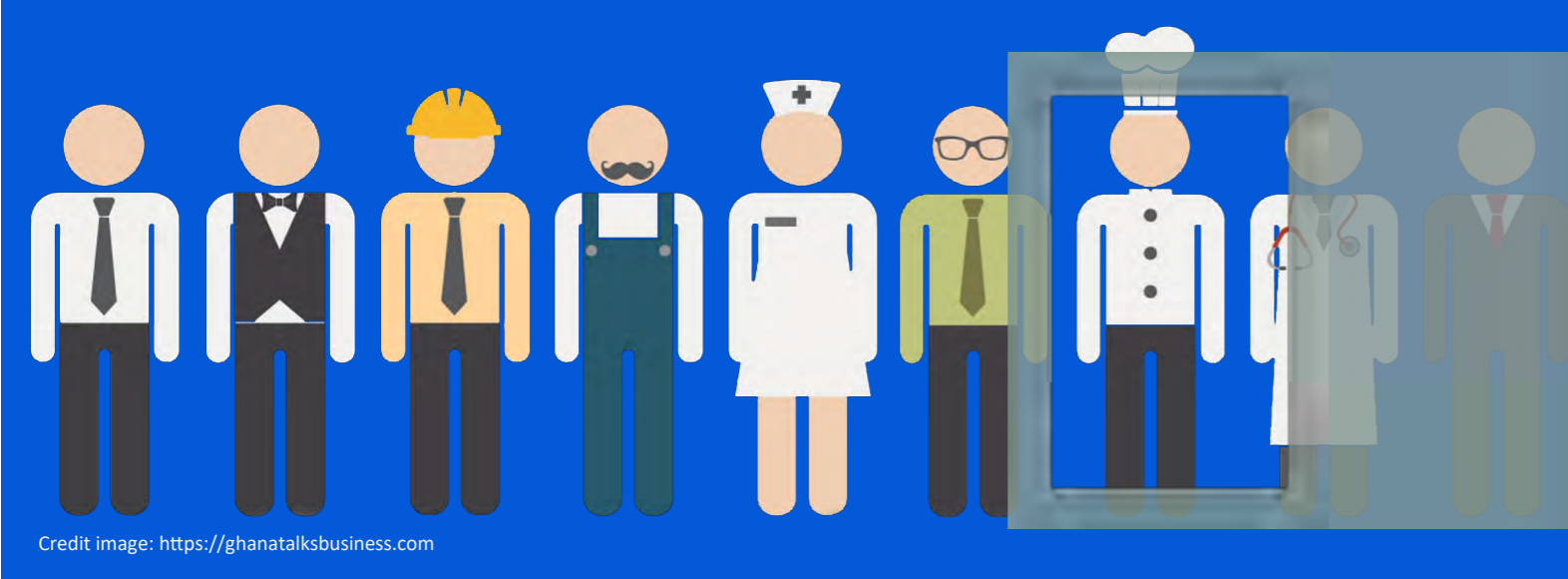


Career Sectors

There are over 30 million people in jobs in the UK, all doing roles which require various levels of expertise, suit people with different interests, pay different amounts, are located in different places and require employees to work different hours. So how can we make sense of such a vast number of careers? The best method is to separate careers into 'sectors', which allow us to group jobs into different areas and types. There is a substantial amount of crossover between these sectors, but grouping them at least allows us to make some sense of such a large variety of jobs.



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Engineering and manufacturing

This is a sector that makes things. Comprising various elements such as research and the design and development of systems, products, processes, machines, tools and equipment. If you worked in this sector you would use scientific expertise to create manufacturing processes or engineering solutions which help businesses and society.

Accountancy, banking and finance

A career in this sector covers all things money! Whether it is monitoring and analysing the money that businesses spend, investing in stocks to try and increase your companies' wealth, offering mortgages and loans to bank customers, selling insurance to individuals or businesses, or offering financial planning services, jobs in this industry revolve around the science of money management.

Business, consulting and management

There are over 5 million businesses in the UK and a career in this industry would see you working with one of them. You'd need to be an expert in business processes, while you could also specialise in management (how people are organised within businesses), or consulting (providing expert advice to businesses to help them improve).

Property and construction

Also known as the real estate sector, this industry is all about building things! Working in property could involve renovating existing buildings, renting out or selling property. Construction specifically is split into 3 different sectors: infrastructure (roads, transport links, power stations etc.), industrial (e.g. factories), and buildings (non-residential or residential, such as houses).

Charity and voluntary sector

Also called the Third Sector (as opposed to the public and private sectors) the voluntary sector is made up of not-for-profit companies, perfect for anyone who wants to have a social impact! These companies are not here to make money' but instead they aim to make a social difference' It includes multi-national charities such as UNICEF or Amnesty, but also local community organisations such as youth clubs'.

Creative industries

A sector for all the creatives out there! Comprises jobs that are based on individual creativity, including thirteen sectors: advertising, architecture, the art and antiques market, crafts, design, designer fashion, film, video games, music, the performing arts, publishing, software, and television and radio (source: British Council)

Law

A huge sector in the UK, law and legal services occupies itself with the study, development and application of law. This includes barristers, solicitors, paralegals, judges, the courts, prison services, the ombudsman, pressure groups, legal training institutions, universities and more! A diverse and varied sector it makes up an integral part of society.



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Healthcare

One of the world's largest and fastest growing industries, healthcare includes everything from front-line practitioners (doctors, dentists, nurses) to scientists and researchers, from healthcare administrators and managers to pharmaceutical companies, from healthcare-related lawyers to medical device manufacturers.



Hospitality and events management

Ever wondered how weddings are organised? Or how concerts are staged? Hospitality and events management companies specialise in staging events, focusing on food, venues, entertainment, and making a profit at the end of it. Roles would include catering, business management and marketing.

Media and the internet

The media and internet industry consists of film, print, radio, television, and all things linked to the world-wide-web. It is a hugely diverse and rapidly changing sector, including everything from your favourite Hollywood film to the development of the latest social media app, or from your favourite newspaper to the publishing of the next best-seller.

Environment and agriculture

This is the sector occupied with providing food and regulating the environment. Whether it is through growing crops, raising animals, harvesting fish, or through regulating air and water pollution, the industry aims to keep us fed and healthy. So many roles exist within it, which may be scientific, legal, business related or more.

STEM

Most simply, STEM refers to 4 subjects: science, technology, engineering and maths. The STEM sector is any job requires expertise in these subjects. Consequently it is VERY broad, and crosses over into many other sectors that are on this page. STEM graduates can work in entertainment , transport telecoms, space travel, finance.

Government and the Public Sector

The public sector is the part of the economy that provides government services. These include schools and teachers, police services, the NHS, public transport, the military, and even elected officials, civil servants and the government themselves. Directed by the government and, therefore, by the people, it aims to serve society rather than make profit.



IT

The IT sector provides the world with its computing needs. This includes programming, storing data, keeping computer systems safe and secure, designing business IT systems, and the development of software, hardware, electronics, e-commerce and more. Closely linked to the media and internet sector.

Retail

Those in retail concern themselves with selling! Whether that is in high-street shops or (increasingly) via the internet, retailers aim to sell their products to consumers, using advertising and marketing, while also attempting to create efficient businesses that make lots of profit! Jobs include sales assistants, managers, buyers, advertisers and more.

Leisure, sport and tourism

The leisure industry is the segment of business focused on recreation, entertainment, sports, and tourism. From the Premier League to budget airlines, from Thorpe Park to the London Eye, the industry aims to sell activities to consumers.



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