

UK's 7 highest paying jobs without a degree | 2020 study and infographic

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With university fees rising and many people questioning the true value of a degree in today's job market – careers that don't require degrees are becoming much more appealing.

A recent [study by StandOut CV](#) has revealed the 7 highest paying jobs in the UK that don't require applicants to have a university degree.

These jobs have minimal barriers to entry, and many can see employees earning over £100,000 per year after several years in the role.

1. Air traffic controller:

Being responsible for the safe and efficient landing and take-off of aircrafts is a hugely responsible job, with a salary to match at £41,000 on average – potentially rising to £100,000 for senior controllers.

To qualify, you must be over 18 with 4 GCSEs at C or above, and then you must pass a series of online tests to determine your decision making and critical thinking abilities.

2. Recruitment consultant: With no formal entry requirements, recruiters help companies to find skilled staff, and are paid a commission of client fees generated. Whilst starting basic salaries are low (£12k - £16k) commission sees the average recruiter earning around £45,000 and the best earning in excess of £100,000.

3. Mortgage advisor: Advising homebuyers on which mortgage deal to choose is valuable and lucrative profession, paying an average of £45,000 with top performers earning over £80,000 with uncapped commission deals. A certificate of mortgage advice and practice is required, which can be self-studied or funded by employers.

4. Project manager: Delivering complex projects across a range of industries, project managers earn around £42,000 on average – with senior project managers earning over £75,000. There are no formal requirements but a Prince2 qualification can help, as can gaining experience in a junior project support role.

5. Estate agent: Selling and letting properties in the UK is a highly rewarded job, with estate agents earning an average of £60,000. There are no formal entry requirements and starting basic salaries can be low for trainees at around £12k - £16k – However with commissions from deals, senior estate agents can earn well over £100,000.

6. Electrician: With responsibility for installing and maintaining all of our electric systems, electricians are in high demand – commanding high salaries. The average electrician in the UK earns around £37,000 but with plenty of opportunities for high-paid overtime and performance based pay, an experienced electrician can earn £75,000 or more. An NVQ in electrotechnical services is required, which can be achieved via an apprenticeship or self-study.

7. B2B salesperson: Selling high value services and products to other businesses sees B2B salespeople earn big commissions and average salaries of £35,000. There are no formal entry requirements and relatively low starting salaries, but the top performers can earn £100,000 when making consistent sales.

[StandOut CV](#) director Andrew Fennell says,

“Although degrees are still valued by many employers, there are still plenty of jobs out there which don't

require candidates to have a degree, and pay salaries well above the national average.

These jobs provide great opportunities for people who aren't fortunate enough to get access to a university education, or those who would simply rather get into the workplace quicker.

Some of these jobs can be obtained straight from school, whereas some will require some self-study beforehand. Either way, they all provide a faster and cheaper route to high earnings than a degree, which could take 3 years or more, and cost several thousand pounds."

THE HIGHEST PAYING JOBS IN THE UK
That don't require a university degree

Although a university degree is desirable in many professions, it isn't the only route to earning a high salary. Looking at a range of job options, we've selected some of the highest-paying professions that don't require a degree. Many of these jobs can be obtained straight from school, whereas some will require some self-study beforehand.

- ### 1 Air Traffic Controller

Air traffic controllers are responsible for the safe, orderly and expeditious flow of air traffic and ensuring safety and efficiency of all flights.

Annual salary: £40,000
Hourly salary: £100,000 +
Starting salary: £17,000 +

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old
 - UK citizen or resident
 - Have a number of years experience
 - Other skills such as good communication and decision-making
- ### 2 Recruitment Consultant

Recruitment consultants find staff for companies and manage the application process through to the final offer - making a fee in return for successful candidate placements, and taking a commission from the fee.

Annual salary: £43,000
Hourly salary: £100,000 +
Starting salary: £12,000 - £16,000 +

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old
- ### 3 Mortgage Advisor

Mortgage advisors help borrowers to find the best mortgage deal for their needs. They do this by comparing different options to find the best one for the borrower's situation.

Annual salary: £45,000
Hourly salary: £80,000 +
Starting salary: £20,000 - £25,000 +

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old
 - Have a number of years experience
 - Other skills such as good communication and decision-making
- ### 4 Project Manager

Project managers lead the people on a range of activities from construction to IT, calculating work flow, managing budgets and liaising with the client.

Annual salary: £42,000
Hourly salary: £76,000
Starting salary: £20,000 - £25,000

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old
 - Have a number of years experience
 - Other skills such as good communication and decision-making
- ### 5 Estate Agent

Estate agents help people to sell their homes by marketing the properties, arranging viewings and negotiating the best price. They charge a fee to sellers and estate agents take a commission from that.

Annual salary: £60,000
Hourly salary: £90,000 +
Starting salary: £12,000 - £16,000 +

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old
- ### 6 Electrician

Electricians are responsible for installing and maintaining all of the electric systems in our homes and offices - they have a lot of work to do for any high demand.

Annual salary: £30,000 - 40,000
Hourly salary: £100,000 +
Starting salary: £14,000 - £25,000

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old
 - Have a number of years experience
 - Other skills such as good communication and decision-making
- ### 7 B2B Sales

B2B sales is a business-to-business sales role. B2B sales involves selling products and services to other businesses (B2B), not to the general public (B2C) and make commission whenever a sale is made.

Annual salary: £45,000
Hourly salary: £100,000 +
Starting salary: £15,000 - £20,000 +

Requirements:

 - At least 18 years old

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