

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.

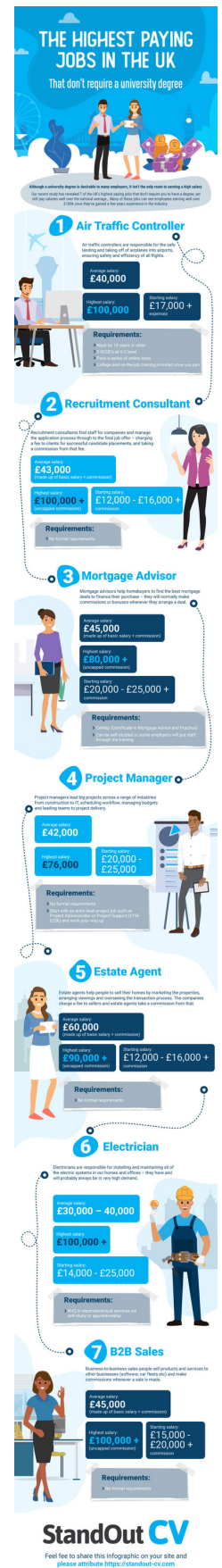
[StandOut CV](#) director Andrew Fennell says,

“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."



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