

LMI Bulletin

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Fall in students accepted into university in UK

New data from UCAS shows a fall in the number of 18 year-olds accepted into university. Fewer students got into their first choice of university this year. But more students qualified for their second choice, or accepted places through clearing.

Schools 'expected to report careers provision progress'

The Government has responded to the Education Committee's CEIAG report. Recommendations include:

- Secondary schools will need to report their progress against the Gatsby Benchmarks for careers provision at least once a year.
- The Government will publish a Strategic Action Plan for Careers in 2024. This will make it easier to navigate and source information and advice on careers and opportunities.
- Work is currently happening to make the National Careers Service website more accessible. There will be more content for younger people.

Pret partners with Youth Employment UK for new early careers hub

Youth Employment UK has partnered with Pret to launch an early careers hub. Designed for young people who want to make their next career steps, the hub offers training and support through its Pret Academy.

53% school leavers want to work in film & TV

Research by the Association of Accounting Technicians found that:

- 53% of school leavers are interested in a career in the TV and film industry. But only 18% believe it is realistic for them.
- Two thirds of school leavers think the only career opportunities are acting and creative roles. Only 4% thought finance skills were essential to the industry. School leavers are not aware of the other career opportunities and routes available to them such as accounting.

Sarah Beale, CEO at AAT, said: *"Accounting jobs aren't just in accounting firms. Every business needs to have an accounting function including film, fashion, sport, music, and marketing. There is a huge variety of sectors that accountancy professionals can work in, that offer exciting career paths and open a world of opportunity to young people."*



Wanted: another 3mn cyber professionals

In 2022, the global shortage of cyber security professionals stood at 3.4m. Sectors particularly impacted included:

- aerospace
- government
- education
- insurance
- transportation

The total cyber workforce is 4.7m. The biggest skills shortages, according to global research, were in soft skills such as communication and dealing with other people, followed by cloud computing.

Good job only possible with degree, say 74% of school leavers

Research by Indeed found that:

- Three quarters of school leavers believe a degree is the only way to secure a good job.
- 30% of them say it will give them a better salary.
- A quarter of young people applied because their parents encouraged them to.

5 in demand UK tech jobs

Growth Business looks at the five fastest growing UK tech jobs. The report includes information about the roles and types of companies hiring for such positions:

- AI and machine learning specialists
- sustainability specialists
- business intelligence analysts
- information security analysts
- FinTech engineers



The London Skills Improvement Plan

The London Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) launched recently. It highlights the regionalised labour market and skills gaps.

London's priority sectors are:

- creative
- health and social care
- built environment
- hospitality

Important themes are:

- digital
- green
- transferable skills
- labour market inclusion

The types of roles that are hard to fill are:

- professional/highly skilled specialist
- technical and support roles
- managers
- skilled traded
- sales and customer service roles
- elementary roles



Other highlights include:

- Employer demand for digital skills is high in London. From entry level essential digital skills to advanced digital skills (e.g. AI, robotics and data analytics).
- There were an estimated 234,000 jobs in green priority sectors (i.e. those that have an important role to play in meeting net zero and environmental goals) in London in 2020. The number of jobs in these sectors is expected to grow to 505,000 by 2030.
- Based on future green skills, occupations in demand would include heat pump engineers and installers, electrical engineers, plumbers, carpenters and scaffolders.

[West London Green Skills Hub](#)

The West London Green Skills Hub, funded by the Greater London Authority, has been launched to help people find jobs in London's green economy. There are some really useful links and information about where to find green jobs and also some great resources.

[Best London universities](#)

Yahoo! News looks at The Times Good University Guide, with a focus on London.

- University College London was 7th.
- King's College was 26th.
- Royal Holloway was 29th.
- Queen Mary's was 36th.

The latest guide saw Oxford appear at the top, followed by St Andrews and Cambridge.

Useful websites and resources

[The SEND Gatsby Benchmark Toolkit](#)

The Careers & Enterprise Company has released its latest SEND Gatsby Benchmark Toolkit. Very useful for those working with young people with SEND in any setting.

[Skills Builder Career Explorer tool](#)

The new Skills Builder Career Explorer tool can be used by people to explore which skills suit their chosen career path.



Best UK job sites of 2023

TechRadar's best UK job sites are:

- Indeed
- Glassdoor
- LinkedIn Jobs
- Reed
- TotalJobs

UCAS dates poster

Key dates poster for 2024 entry produced by Trotman.

Dates for your diary

National Apprenticeship & Education South, London – 10th October, 9.30am to 3pm

<https://nationalapprenticeshipevents.co.uk/south/>

Talentino 10th Annual SEND Careers Conference, Reading – 9th November, 9am to 4pm

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talentino-10th-annual-send-careers-conference-more-tickets-642836289647

Skills London, ExCeL London – 24th and 25th November, 9.30am to 4pm

www.businessldn.co.uk/skillslondon/home

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