

Career planning by numbers!

If you're good with numbers, you've got lots of job options, even in an uncertain economy. Whether you're in work or looking for work, read on for ideas on how to put your number skills to use.

In which jobs can I use my number skills?

When we think of number skills we usually think of jobs in finance, such as banking or accountancy. But there are loads of other jobs you can use your number skills in. Here are just a few you might not have thought of...

As a money adviser you'd help people to manage their finances. Charity fundraisers use creative thinking and budgeting skills to raise money for their charities. And as a school business manager you'd make sure a school's budget was used efficiently.

There are challenging roles for finance staff in public bodies such as the NHS and civil service departments. Charities and voluntary organisations also need people with financial skills.

If you're looking for jobs that make best use of your number skills, why not call one of our Careers Coaches to talk it through? Call **08080 100 333** from 8am to 10pm seven days a week.

Audio advice for financial services workers

Do you work in financial services and want advice on your next move? With recent news about the economy some people might be thinking about moving into a different job area. But if you want to stay in financial services there are ways you can strengthen your position, or even make a sideways move into a different financial job.

In this month's podcast we talk to Jenny Fox at the Financial Services Skills Council about the outlook in the industry and what your options are.

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A good time to change career?

If you're ready for a change of job but are having second thoughts because of the uncertainty in the economy, it could be time to think again!

Despite the gloomy stories on the news, it could still be a good time for you to change career. Some employers are still recruiting, and there are some job areas that look set to remain stable: health and medicine, energy and energy conservation, education, and IT for example.

Moving to a new job might give you a new lease of life and employers prefer people who are enthusiastic and motivated. Being a star performer and going the extra mile are sure fire ways to make you indispensable in uncertain times.

If you're ready for a change of job, why not complete our [skills and interests assessment](#)? You can see which jobs you can use your current skills in and you might discover something you've never considered before!

It's always a good time to learn

Learning something new is a great way to relax. You could lose yourself in something creative such as painting or learning to play the guitar. You could also stretch yourself whilst learning a useful skill like speaking Spanish.

Also, learning can be the key to getting on in the world of work. In today's jobs market, getting a new skill or qualification could give you the edge over other colleagues or applicants. According to a survey by YouGov and the Association of Colleges, one in five adults is planning to get a new qualification in the next 12 months. Why not join them?

Search our [Learning Directory](#) to find that course to give you the edge.

Get advice on your next steps

If you're making any decision in learning or work, our advisers can help. Sure, you'll have to put in some legwork yourself, but talking things through with someone is a great way to start making that change.

Contact an adviser

Not sure how to apply for a course? Got a question about your career? Then simply contact a Careers Advice Service adviser. We're here to help.

Or phone **0800 100 900**
Bilingual advisers available