



Career of the Week



Retail Buyer

What do we do?*

We select, order, and purchase the goods sold by retail businesses. We are savvy shoppers with an eye for quality products.

Subjects & Route*

Maths, English and Business are important subjects to have studied at school. However, there is no formal education required to be a retail buyer. **BUT** many employers prefer you to have a bachelor's degree. **Useful degree subjects include:**

- business purchasing
- supply chain management
- business management
- fashion buying

Some large retailers run training schemes for graduates. These work-based programmes give you experience with a company. They tend to last between 1 and 3 years. Once you complete the training, you can start to work as an assistant buyer or a fully qualified buyer.

Jobs*

The workforce is projected to grow in the UK by 3.9% over the period to 2027.



Average UK Salary:* £34, 320

- Core Tasks:***
- ✓ Travel to visit branch stores, trade shows and warehouses (including overseas)
 - ✓ Select products to buy and analyse past sales
 - ✓ Find suppliers and negotiate quantity, prices, and delivery schedules

work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen



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