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Careers for school leavers in asset finance







You may not have heard of asset finance, but it's just the collective name for leasing and hire purchase, the types of finance that about a third of firms use to get hold of new equipment that would be too expensive to pay for in one go – everything from the latest computers, software and IT, to the diggers and cranes used by the building trade

This is a thriving industry, and lenders are always on the lookout for people to join the team – whether it's learning how to advise businesses on their finance options, or getting involved with support roles like marketing or IT. **Interested?**

#### What qualifications do you need?

Most of the training is provided on the job, so employers just ask for reasonable GCSE grades in English and Maths, good interpersonal skills and a willingness to learn. Once you've gained some experience in the sector, there's also an opportunity to study for the Diploma in Asset Finance (DipAF) – in fact many employers pay for the course.

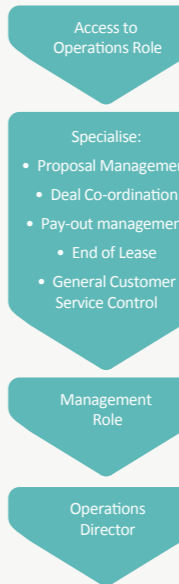
## Potential career paths

### Emma

*Forensics and Customer Service.*

Emma joined an asset finance company as an apprentice after leaving school. She initially trained as an admin assistant before progressing into a role within the Collections department, then moving on to the Forensics & Customer Service department. Emma is now in charge of this department and manages a small team.

Emma did not have an academic background but showed aptitude in each of her roles and a willingness to learn and develop. Emma's employer recognised these characteristics and invested in her career progression via internal mentoring and external and in-house training courses.



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