

Business, Economics and Enterprise resources: (web links)

Business focus

A full range of resources for Accounting, marketing, Economics, Business studies and travel and tourism

<http://www.bized.co.uk/learn/index.htm>

Economics focus

A free revision note collection for AS & A2 Economics here on tutor2u. Here is the full collection of revision notes by major category

<http://www.tutor2u.net/economics/revision-notes/index.html>

Links to official statistical organizations

<http://www.unece.org/stats/links.html>

IMF

An extensive materials produced by the IMF. Useful country information, press releases, financial snapshots and archives back to 1996 are all included

<http://www.imf.org/external/index.htm>

Competition Commission

The Competition Commission replaced the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

<http://www.competition-commission.org.uk/>

Search UK Treasury for economic information, [news](#) budget, initiatives and guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-treasury>

Building Brands

An excellent site by a UK company to help you learn about the benefits of building your own particular brand. Free e-newsletter, 'Branding Tips'.

www.buildingbrands.com

MarketingFile.com

Provides direct marketing data and services in the UK and Europe.

www.marketingfile.com

Marketing Law

Keeps you up-to-date with all aspects of legislation relating to marketing.

www.marketinglaw.co.uk

National Statistics Online

Free access to data produced by the Office for National Statistics

www.statistics.gov.uk

Survey Monkey

A useful tool for creating professional online surveys quickly and easily.

www.surveymonkey.com

Sales and Marketing: the Chartered institute of Marketing (CIM)

www.cim.co.uk

A membership organization for marketing professionals, their website is a useful resource with downloadable documents on topics such as copyright, data protection. An online marketing plan 'tool' takes you through the creation of your own marketing plan.

Chartered institute of public Relations

www.cipr.co.uk

Find a PR services provider, locate a PR consultant or professional body, or advertise your business using PR Directory.

www.ico.gov.uk

Includes information to help you achieve compliance with the legislation, and publishes detailed guidance notes that provide all the information you need about electronic marketing.

Direct Marketing Association

Europe's largest trade association in the marketing and communications sector.

www.dma.org.uk

Direct Marketing Preference Services

Allows consumers to register their wish not to receive unsolicited direct mail.

www.mpsonline.org.uk

The Email Preference Service

Allows people to register an email address in order to not receive unsolicited sales and marketing email messages. You can find information about having your email lists cleaned, or subscribe to this service at

www.drnaconsumers.org/emps.html

The Fax Preference Service

Allows consumers and businesses to register their fax number in order to not receive unsolicited sales and marketing faxes.

www.fpsonline.org.uk

The Telephone Preference Service

Allows businesses and consumers to registers their telephone numbers in order to not receive unsolicited sales and marketing calls.

www.tpsomline.org.uk

Direct Selling Association

Information and advice on the direct selling in the UK.

www.dsa.org.uk

The Mail Order Traders Association

www.mota.org.uk

Market Research Society

A membership organization for professional researchers. You can search online their Research Buyer's Guide- a directory of market research providers/ support services

www.mrs.org.uk

Marketing Law

Regularly updated information for brand-owners and marketing professionals, including marketing and brand laws issues, case reports, legislation affecting marketing, as well as legal checklists and template agreements.

www.marketinglaw.co.uk

Design resources: Font Pool

Search by category and type.

www.fontpool.com

Fonts.com

A wide range of PC & Mac fonts.

www.fonts.com

Photo libraries: Comstock Images

www.comstock.com

A wide range of images

Eye Wire

Portal site to Digital Vision, Image club, Rubber ball Photodisc

www.eyewire.com

Getty Images

A wide range of high quality images

www.gettyimages.com

iStockphoto

www.istockphoto.com

A fabulous source of low-cost royalty- free images.

Photos. com

One payment, unlimited downloads.

www.photos.com

Rubberball

A stylish and unusual mix of images

www.rubberball.com

Banking Code Standards Board

The role of the BCSB is to monitor compliance with the building codes and to ensure subscribers provide a fair deal to their personal and small business customers. Download a free copy of the business banking code.

www.bankingcode.org.uk

British Bankers' Association

The BBA, the voice of the banking industry, provides Bank Facts, downloadable guides designed to provide an overview of selected banking products and services.

www.bba.org.uk

Institute of Chartered Accountants

Online directory of chartered accountants and FAQs relating to running a small business.

www.icaew.co.uk

Institute of Chartered Accountants

www.icas.org.uk

Banks

Alliance & Leicester

www.alliance-leicestercommercialbank.co.uk

Bank of Scotland

www.bankofscotland.co.uk

Barclays

www.clearlybusiness.co.uk

HBOS (Halifax/Bank of Scotland)

www.hbosplc.com

HSBC

www.ukbusiness.hsbc.com

Lloyds TSB

www.lloydsbank.com

www.success4business.com

NatWest

www.natwest.com

The Royal Bank of Scotland

www.rbs.co.uk

Grants and equity: The British Venture Capital Association (BVCA)

represents over 400 private equity and venture capital firms. They have produced a Guide to Private Equity aimed at entrepreneurs considering private equity and venture capital as an option for raising investment. Available as a free download from their website

www.bvca.co.uk

The Asset Based Finance Association (ABFA)

A trade association; members provide factoring, invoice discounting and asset-based lending to UK businesses. The site contains a search box to help organizations looking for funding.

www.thefda.org.uk

Department for Business Enterprise And Regulatory

Reform (BERR) *(previously DTI)*

Small Firms Loan Guarantee

www.berr.gov.uk

The SFLG guarantees loans from the banks and other financial institutions for small firms that have viable business proposals but who have tried and failed to get a conventional loan because of lack of security.

Finance and Leasing Association

The industry body for asset finance.

www.fla.org.uk

Grantfinder

Grantfinder advises and guides both industrial and professional clients on all matters relating to grant aid- from identifying what is available to whom, through to making application.

www.grantfinder.co.uk

Grant Guide

Aimed at businesses, public sector organizations and their advisers, Grant-guide.com is designed to help users find the best form of funding for them.

<http://www.grant-guide.com/>

J4b

Register to search for information about grants within your area or market sector. You are sent regular updates of any new information/ grant available. An excellent resource.

www.j4bgrants.co.uk

National Business Angels Network (NBAN)

A trade association representing the UK's Business Angel Networks. Established in 1999, NBAN 'can help identify the right investors with the right management and skills while protecting confidentiality and commercial interests'.

www.nban.co.uk

Taxation: Chartered Institute of Taxation (CTA, ATII, FTII)

The professional body for Chartered Tax Advisors; can help you find one in your area.

www.tax.arg.uk

HM Revenue & Customs

National Advice Service (VAT) 08450109000

www.hmrc.gov.uk

New employer's helpline

0845 607 0143

www.hmrc.gov.uk

Online resources: Association of British Insurers

www.abi.org.uk

Banking Liaison Group

Provides a professional service to UK businesses in getting business finance at good terms and providing advice on disputes and other banking issues.

www.bankexperts.co.uk

Better Payment Practice Group

Website promoting good payment practice among UK businesses. You can sign up to a code of practice.

<http://payontime.co.uk/>

Business Link: 0845 600 9006

Business Link is an easy to use business support, advice and information service managed by BERR, Free downloadable publications such as 'A User's Guide to late payment legislation' and many best practice guides.

www.businesslink.gov.uk

Charge Checker

Business software to help you to check your bank charges.

www.chargechecker.co.uk

Department for Business Enterprise, Regulatory and reform (BERR)

Information/ signposting on sources of finance for small businesses.

www.berr.gov.uk

Financial Ombudsman Service

Provides consumers with a free independent service for solving disputes with financial firms.

www.financial-ombllsma.org.uk

Her Majesty's Courts Service

Forms and links to related guidance. Money Claim online is the Courts Service's site for making or responding to a money claim.

www.hmcollrts-service.gov.uk

www.nwneyclam.gov.uk

Insolvency Service

Deals with insolvency matters in England and Wales. The Redundancy Payments Service is part of The Insolvency service and deals with redundancy and associated payments in England, Scotland and Wales.

www.insolvency.gov.uk

MoneyFacts

An independent and unbiased website helping you make informed decisions on your finances.

www.moneyfacts.co.uk

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)

The professional organization for the management and development of people.

www.cipd.co.uk

Organizations

ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service)

<http://www.acas.org.uk>

Apprenticeships: 0800150400

Funded by the LSC, provides information on how apprenticeships can benefit businesses.

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/>

The Basic Skills Agency (BSA) has merged with the National

Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and will work in alliance with Tribal.

<http://www.niace.org.uk/>

British Chambers of Commerce

<http://www.britishchambers.org.uk/>

British Dyslexia Association

Help and advice for employers of staff with dyslexia.

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

City & Guilds

The leader provider of vocational qualifications in the UK.

www.city-and-guilds.co.uk

Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory (BERR) (*previously DTI*) Ministerial Correspondence a valuable source of information and advice for businesses of all sizes.

www.berr.gov.uk

Business Link: 0845 600 9006

Impartial advice for small businesses. The information is presented in factsheets, case studies,

interactive tools and frequently-asked questions with links to other websites.

<https://www.gov.uk/>

HM Revenue & Customs

Investors in People the national standard that sets a level of good practice for training and development of people to achieve business goals.

www.hrmmc.gov.uk

The Learning and Skills Council

The LSC is committed to improvement of the further education and training sector to raise standards and to make learning revision more responsive to the needs of individuals and employers.

www.ls.gov.uk