

Careers in competition economics

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Career history

- Royal Holloway, University of London
 - BSc Economics, 2003
 - MSc Economics, 2004
- Government Economic Service
 - Office of Fair Trading, 2004-06
 - Competition Commission, 2006-07
- Ashurst
 - Competition economist, 2007-present

The role of a competition economist

- Advising on the economics of industrial organisation
- Covers a range of areas
 - Mergers
 - Abuse of dominance (exploitative and exclusionary)
 - Collusion
 - Market studies
 - Economic regulation
- Work within the legal framework

Economic assessment

- A variety of tools including theory, data/econometrics and evidence from internal documents, market reports and third parties (customers/competitors)
- Analysis covers
 - Market definition
 - Competition in the market
 - Barriers to entry
 - Buyer power
 - Coordinated effects
 - Price regulation

Current role

- Advising clients before the UK and EU authorities
- Jointly producing submissions with competition lawyers on a variety of cases
- Responding to market questionnaires
- Quantifying cartel damages
- Providing risk assessments
- Cover a wide range of sectors including leisure service providers, manufacturers, retailers, technology and transport

Employers – public sector

- Office of Fair Trading and Competition Commission (combined as the Competition and Markets Authority from April 2014)
- Ofcom, Ofgem, Ofwat
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Financial Conduct Authority
- Check for direct recruitment opportunities as well as GES entry
- Some departments also offer internships

Employers – private sector

- Ashurst
- Frontier Economics
- Compass Lexecon
- CRA
- Europe Economics
- London Economics
- Alix Partners
- NERA
- PWC
- KPMG

Finding out more

- Society of Business Economists
www.sbe.co.uk
- Association of Competition Economics
www.competitioneconomics.org
- Network of Industrial Economists
www.indecon.org
- Westminster Forum Projects
www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk