

ONLINE BUSINESS DATABASES

Advice & Funding Sources

COBRA	An encyclopaedia of practical information for starting, running and managing a small business. Includes over 4,000 fact sheets and local area profiles. Can be accessed in the library or remotely for members of Manchester Libraries. Printing in the BIPC is charged at 20p per page
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Market Research

IBIS World	Provides independent, accurate, comprehensive, and current research on 100s of Industries in the UK, including statistics, analysis and forecasts. Printing is charged at 20p per page
Mintel	Full access to Mintel UK covering a broad range of consumer and lifestyle markets in the United Kingdom. Covers beauty and personal care, health and wellbeing, technology, travel, e-commerce, leisure, home retailing and clothing and footwear markets. Printing or downloading is not permitted from this database.
Passport (Euromonitor International)	Provides comparable international market intelligence on countries, consumers and industries. Contains over 4,500 global, country, industry and company reports. Up to 1000 cells of data per day. Up to 20 pages of text per day. 20p per page

Company Data

Experian MarketIQ	UK company database with access to information such as accounts and director details. Searches can be made by industry, location or size. Up to 2000 companies per list. Data can be downloaded ONLY in the BIPC at a charge of 10p per company – please ask staff for assistance.
Creditsafe	Information on 4.4 million UK companies, sourced directly from Companies House, The Registry Trust, and the London & Edinburgh Gazette. Company credit reports include: Credit rating and limit; 3 years accounts; CCJ information; Director information. Printing charged at 20p per page
Kompass Worldwide	Detailed product and service listings for over 2.8 million companies across 70 countries. Key source for manufacturers and suppliers with over 300,000 topics covered. Can be accessed in the library or remotely for members of Manchester Libraries. Maximum of 150 companies can be downloaded in BIPC at a charge of 10p per company.
D & B Hoovers	Company profiles for over 30 million private and public companies worldwide including information on over 35 million company executives and news analysis from 2,500 sources. Up to 500 companies in list form per week, 10p per company.

Intellectual Property Sources

Espacenet	The European Patent Office website. Allows patents to be searched internationally. Many complete specifications are available. The coverage varies by country. https://worldwide.espacenet.com/
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Business News & Journals

Newsbank	Newsbank provides full-text content of selected national, regional and international English language newspapers, as chosen by Manchester Library and Information Service, including: The Manchester Evening News, The Guardian, The Times, the Daily Mirror, the Daily Mail, and the Daily Express. Includes: The New York Times, The South China Morning Post (Hong Kong), The Times of India, The Nation (Islamabad), and The Irish Times. Now also with key UK business titles such as Accountancy Age Campaign, The Grocer and Marketing. Can be accessed in the library or remotely for members of Manchester Libraries.
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British Standards

British Standards	Codes of best practice that improve safety, efficiency, interoperability, and facilitate trade. Cover every area of life from technical guidelines for production processes in a diverse range of industries to specifications for “making things happen”. Can be accessed in the library or remotely for members of Manchester Libraries.
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Jobs and Employment

Universal Skills	A step by step guide to Universal Jobmatch, basic employability and job skills, and Universal Credit. The latest rates of benefits, eligibility, process and the Claimant's Commitment are all covered. Can be accessed in the library or remotely for members of Manchester Libraries.
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