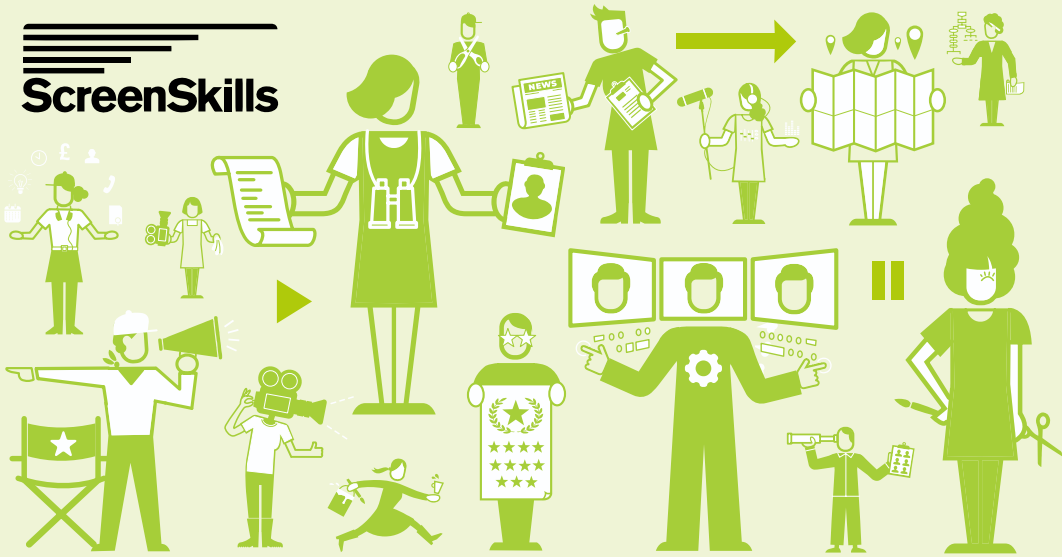# Film

> **"I've seen that no matter what kind of personality you have, you can definitely find a role that suits you in film."**
> Umulkhayr Mohamed, film exhibition project coordinator

Most people think about directors and camera operators when they think about the film industry, but there are many behind-the-scenes jobs. Alongside costume designers and set decorators, the industry needs electricians for setting up the lights, accountants to keep the books and people with a background in law to negotiate the selling of rights.

Did you know?

Hundreds of people are involved in making movies. When *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* was created, more than 400 professionals were employed in the art department, while around 100 people worked in the special effects division. See who worked on your favourite films at **imdb.com**.

Study

There are different ways to enter the industry. For some roles a degree is useful. For others, an apprenticeship is a good option. Go to **screenskills. com/courses** to find courses recommended by ScreenSkills.

Create your own work

For many roles employers and admissions tutors will want to see proof of your creativity. They will look for a showreel or portfolio that showcases your work. This is often more important than a CV. Go to **screenskills. com/portfolio** to learn how.

First steps

Watch films and pay extra attention to the credits to learn about the different roles involved in making your favourite films. Find out how to get into those roles at **screenskills.com/careers-in-film**

Next steps

Get out and film something with your phone, camera or your school's equipment. Learn about storytelling, framing and editing. Upload your video online*, ask for feedback and start building a portfolio.

Getting in

Get to know people that work in film by going to industry events, such as ScreenSkills' Open Doors. Research companies to see if they offer work experience**. Apply for entry-level roles and apprenticeships.

For further information go to: **screenskills.com/careers**

* If you are under 18 ask your parents' permission
* * Most opportunities are for over 18s.