

# Car retail giant Lookers to create 80 jobs with £25,000 salary

Car retailer Lookers has launched a new employee trainee programme that will create 80 new sales roles.

The six-month 'Jump Start' programme will include dedicated classroom and on-the-job training for every candidate, the Greater Manchester-headquartered listed company said.

Each candidate also be allocated a dedicated, specially-trained mentor from the start.

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The jobs will come with an annual starting salary of £25,000 as well as a company car plus an "uncapped earning potential" after training.

Last month, Lookers confirmed its largest-ever intake of apprenticeships, with plans to take on a record 208 young people in maintenance, servicing and parts across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Danny Bishop, Lookers' head of learning and development, said: "As one of the UK and Ireland's automotive industry leaders, Lookers is roundly recognised for the quality, depth and range of car brands on offer and for the exceptional aftersales service we provide.

"We are also committed to leading in the provision of excellence in sales and customer service which is why we are investing in 'Jump Start', which has been carefully designed to recruit fresh, ambitious and friendly go-getters who

recognise the importance of customer care.

“The key to great customer satisfaction is to recruit the right people and offer them outstanding training with appropriate qualifications and continual personal development as part of an exciting and rewarding career.”

Lookers operates more than 150 franchised dealers representing 32 manufacturers in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland.

Chief operating officer Duncan McPhee added: “The strength, passion and commitment of our people are behind Lookers’ success and I’m confident that our continued investment in learning, development, skills and training will continue to yield solid and sustainable results.

“Providing new opportunities, shaping great careers and supporting their careers is our top priority and I’m delighted that ‘Jump Start’ will help to spearhead new people with new energy to join us on the journey to even greater success.”

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