



Director of Materials Development

CAREER OUTLOOK ¹

Because the position of **director of materials development** is so nuanced, it is expected to grow at a lower-than-average rate. Therefore, a bachelor's degree is mandatory, and most businesses will require a master's degree.

Annual median salary:
\$97,278/year

Every business needs a professional who can bring the people and teams within an organization together to solve problems. The **director of materials development** does this while leading a team that makes sure that every aspect of the business has what they need to produce safe, quality products.

WHAT IS A DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT?

A **director of materials development** leads a team of professionals in procuring needed materials and maintaining quality control from start to finish of the production process. If a new material must be used, the director leads the training and procedures needed to make sure that a quality product is chosen. Directors of material development need to be willing to travel and effectively communicate with suppliers all over the world to make sure the organization has what it needs to produce a quality product.

IS DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Directors of materials development are:

- Motivating leaders
- Analytical
- Effective communicators
- Detail oriented
- Concerned with quality
- Flexible

¹ <https://www.zippia.com/director-of-materials-management-jobs/>



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AM I...

- Analytical?
- Quality oriented?
- Flexible?

DO I...

- Communicate effectively?
- Enjoy math and business?
- Like being a leader?

HOW DO I BECOME A DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT?

You will need to:

- Take classes in math.
- Develop your communication and leadership skills.
- Study accounting, business, and supply chain management in college.
- Get extensive job experience working as a materials manager or buyer.