

APPRENTICESHIP FACTSHEET

What are apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship is not just a job, It's about skills for life. Enter the world of work, earn a decent wage, and learn new skills! An Apprenticeship will provide you with the skills you need for your chosen career that will also lead to nationally recognised qualifications.

As an apprentice you earn while you learn, and receive other benefits as well. Whether you're looking for your first role or are already in employment, apprenticeships give you the chance to do just that. They enable you to enter or stay in the world of work, earn a decent wage and learn new skills. An apprenticeship will offer you amazing opportunities to shine in a job you enjoy.

Benefits of doing an Apprenticeship

- Earning a salary
- Training in the skills employers want
- Excellent progression opportunities
- Increased future earning potential
- Learning at a pace suits to the individual
- Paid holiday



Which companies offer apprenticeships?

It is really common that lots of people think that apprenticeships are only available in a limited number of job roles and only in certain sectors like construction or retail. But this isn't true – there are literally thousands of jobs out there working in all sorts of different exciting organisations. You could end up working with a large company who you might have heard of before, or it could be that you end up working with a smaller business that you haven't heard of before.

It's important you do your research and see what you can find out about the company before you start applying. Some companies that look really small can have amazing opportunities for their apprentices where you might work on some really innovative and creative projects, or even travelling overseas.

The opportunities will be fantastic and research conducted by the National Apprenticeship Service shows that!



Who can apply

You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school. To start one, you'll need to be: 16 or over; Living in England; and Not in full-time education.

There are three steps to applying for an apprenticeship

- Search for an apprenticeship www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
- Sign in or create an account
- Complete and submit your application

10 Apprenticeship Myth Busters

Apprenticeships are for people with bad grades

- Apprenticeships are simply an alternative route into employment.

I won't be able to afford it/I won't be paid

- Apprentices are entitled to the National Minimum Wage, currently £3.30 per hour if you are 16-18 years old.

Apprenticeships are only available in construction and administration

- Apprenticeships are now available in a huge variety of industries with 200 types available.

Apprenticeships will negatively affect my future career prospects

- Employers increasingly value apprenticeships as a viable career route as it means applicants will have workplace experience AND a qualification!

I won't get a good qualification.

- There are many types of apprenticeships, providing different levels of qualifications.

Apprenticeships are only available in cities

- Apprenticeships are available throughout the UK, in a variety of industries.

If I do an apprenticeship I'll get stuck in the same industry

- Apprenticeships are in many different areas of business, and once completed you can move into a different job.

Apprenticeships are only for young people

- Apprenticeships are open to anyone over the age of 16.

I need experience to get an apprenticeship

- Apprenticeships provide the opportunity for young people to gain first hand experience and to develop workplace skills.

Businesses are not hiring apprenticeships

- The number of apprenticeships businesses are hiring has increased.



Did you know you can get an Apprenticeship as

A zookeeper Help to improve the health and welfare of animals

A chocolatier Your eye for detail and passion for food will help create everyone's favourite treat

A costume/wardrobe assistant You'll be using your creativity to help design, make and alter clothes for actors

Cabin crew Use your people skills and flair for customer service to work and travel the world

A Firefighter If you're fit, calm under pressure and up for a challenge this is the job for you

Environmental conservationist Your important work and research will be helping to save the world - literally!

An animator Use your artistic skills to bring ideas to life on the big (or small) screen

A live events promoter Help to plan and promote events, from festivals and gigs to awards ceremonies

A solicitor - legal services Your passion for the law profession can lead to qualifying as a solicitor

A Space engineer Launch your career with this unique chance to work in the UK space industry

Find an Ambassador

Discover more about Apprenticeships via the people who deliver them successfully across London. All of our Apprenticeship Information Ambassadors have achieved a Grade 1 or 2 Ofsted inspection, hold a contract direct with government and are matrix accredited.

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