

LEARNER FACTSHEET

If you live in England and are over 16 you can apply for an Apprenticeship. There are various levels of Apprenticeship you can undertake depending on your current skills and qualifications: Intermediate Level Apprenticeship (Level 2); Advanced Level Apprenticeship (Level 3); Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships (Level 4 or above)

All Apprenticeships are real jobs so all apprentices earn a salary. You must be paid at least the national minimum Apprenticeship wage – and many employers pay significantly more.

Apprentices should work for at least 30 hours per week and an Apprenticeship takes between one and five years* to complete, depending upon the level of Apprenticeship and the industry sector. Most of the training is delivered in the workplace, so you will learn the skills you need to do the job well. The rest of the training is given by a training organisation, either at the workplace, off-site (perhaps at college) or via e-learning.

The training is specifically tailored to ensure you develop the skills the employer wants, giving apprentices a real advantage in the workplace. This means that apprentices not only have better long term salary prospects, but they also have excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace. skills and work experience needed to get an Apprenticeship or other job.



Apprenticeship combine practical training in a job with study

As an apprentice you'll:

- Work alongside experienced staff
- Gain job specific skills
- Earn a wage and get holiday pay www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions
- Study towards a related qualification (usually one day a week)
- Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Apprenticeship Levels

An Apprenticeship has an equivalent education level:

- Intermediate – equivalent to 5 GCSE passes
- Advanced – equivalent to 2 A level passes
- Higher – can lead to NVQ Level 4 and above, or a foundation degree



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.

You can find an Apprenticeship Information Ambassador using our searchable directory at: apprentices.london/directory.php



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