

PARENT FACTSHEET

What is an Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a real job with training which would allow your daughter or son to earn while they learn, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification. Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete and cover 1500 job roles in a wide range of industries, from engineering to accountancy, public relations to veterinary nursing. Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond.

Benefits of doing an Apprenticeship

- Earning a salary
- Training in the skills employers want
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace
- Increased future earning potential - Apprentices enjoy marked salary increases when they complete their training, and those with an Advanced Apprenticeship earn around £117,000* more than those without, over the course of their career
- Learning at a pace suits to the individual with the support of a mentor
- Paid holiday



What does an apprenticeship include?

The core components for Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeships are:

- A national recognised vocational qualification
- Functional skills (e.g. literacy, numeracy, and ICT)
*Intermediate Apprenticeships only
- A technical certificate such as a BTEC or City & Guilds (relevant to the specific Apprenticeship)
- Other professional qualifications or requirements as specified by the particular job

Apprenticeship Levels

The levels of Apprenticeship your son or daughter could apply for depending on their current skills and qualifications:

- Intermediate (Level 2)
- Advanced (Level 3)
- Higher (Level 4 or above)



Who can apply

Your child can apply for an apprenticeship while still at school. To start one, they'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

What is the National Minimum Wage for an apprentice?

- 21 and over £6.70
- 18 to 20 £5.30
- Under 18 £3.87
- Apprentice (under age 19 or in first year of apprenticeship) £3.30

The minimum wage for apprentices is £2.73 per hour, but many employers pay more than this. The average gross weekly wage for an apprentice is £200**. This is dependant on the sector, region and Apprenticeship level e.g. some Higher Apprenticeships can pay as much as £300 to £500 per week. More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific Apprenticeship occupations can be accessed by looking at the vacancies on www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

** Apprenticeship Pay Survey 2011

Raising the participating age (RPA)

The government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training.

If your child completed year 11 in the summer 2014 (or any later year) they will need to continue in education or training until at least their 18th birthday.

This does not necessarily mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post 16, which could be through:

- Full time study in a school, college or with a training provider
- Full time work or volunteering combined with part time education or training
- An apprenticeship



A great option for young people!

Apprenticeships are a great option for young people who want to get into the world of work. Unlike more conventional choices, like university, they will get skills, experience and qualifications on the job.

Apprenticeships can also offer the opportunity of a degree such as a BA or a BSc, and whatever the apprenticeship, they'll be earning while they're learning. So your child can start their career gaining the kind of skills and experience that employers are looking for.

Why are they an increasingly popular alternative to university?

Apprenticeships provide an alternative to university for learners who want to continue their education while embarking on their chosen career. Learners can get ahead of their peers at university as they gain applied and relevant work experience. They're proving popular as learners earn while they learn, plus there are no tuition fees.

Which employers are involved?

There are a huge variety of apprenticeships available across England offered by leading businesses of all sizes, including Lloyds Banking Group, Rolls Royce, BBC, IBM, Unilever and Airbus.

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